

## Cleric in Yemen says he was confidant to Hasan

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN  
The Washington Post

SAN'A, Yemen — In his first interview with a journalist since the Fort Hood rampage, Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Aulaqi said that he neither ordered nor pressured Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan to harm Americans, but that he considered himself a confidant of the army psychiatrist who was given a glimpse via e-mail into Hasan's growing discomfort with the U.S. military.

The cleric said he thought he played a role in transforming Hasan into a devout Muslim eight years ago, when Hasan listened to his lectures at the Dar al-Hijra mosque in Northern Virginia. Al-Aulaqi



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Anwar al-Aulaqi

said that Hasan "trusted him," and that the two developed an e-mail correspondence over the past year.

The portrait of the alleged Fort Hood

shooter offered by al-Aulaqi provides some hints as to Hasan's mindset and motivations in the months leading up to last week's rampage, in which 13 were killed. Al-Aulaqi's comments also add to questions over whether U.S. authorities, who were aware of at least some of Hasan's e-mails to al-Aulaqi, should have sensed a potential threat.

U.S. intelligence agencies intercepted e-mails from Hasan, but the FBI concluded that they posed no serious danger and that an investigation was unnecessary, said federal law enforcement officials.

Explaining why he wrote on his Web site that Hasan was a "hero," al-Aulaqi said in an interview with an intermediary jour-

nalist: "I blessed the act because it was against a military target. And the soldiers who were killed were not normal soldiers, but those who were trained and prepared to go to Afghanistan and Iraq."

Al-Aulaqi's views are controversial, earning him not only designation by U.S. counterterrorism officials as a leading English-language promoter and supporter of al-Qaida, but also criticism from other fundamentalist Islamic clerics.

Al-Aulaqi declined to be interviewed by an American journalist. But he provided an account of his relationship with Hasan to a Yemeni journalist contacted by The Washington Post.

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President Barack Obama greets audience members on Monday after a town hall-style event in Shanghai.

## Obama pushes human rights in China

BY CHARLES HUTZLER  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — President Barack Obama pointedly nudged China on Monday to stop censoring Internet access, offering an animated defense of the tool that helped him win the White House and suggesting Beijing need not fear a little criticism.

The president's message during a town hall-style meeting with university students in Shanghai, China's commercial hub, focused on one of the trickiest issues separating China's communist government and the United States — human rights.

It was a delicately balanced message and Obama couched his admonitions with words

calling for cooperation, heavy with praise and American humility.

"I think that the more freely information flows, the stronger the society becomes, because then citizens of countries around the world can hold their own governments accountable," Obama told students during his first-ever trip to China. "They can begin to think for themselves."

During Obama's opening statement to university students in Shanghai, he spoke bluntly about the benefits of individual freedoms in a country known for limiting them.

"We do not seek to impose any system of government on any other nation," Obama said.

Then he added that freedom of expression

and worship, unfettered access to information and unrestricted political participation are not unique to the United States; instead, he called them "universal rights."

Obama talked at length about the Internet, which he said helped him win the presidency because it allowed for the mobilization of young people.

"I'm a big supporter of non-censorship," Obama said.

"I recognize that different countries have different traditions. I can tell you that in the United States, the fact that we have free Internet — or unrestricted Internet access — is a source of strength, and I think should be encouraged."

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**"What I really love about 'New Moon' is ... by the time she makes this rash decision to spend eternity with a vampire ... you actually believe it."**

— Actress Kristen Stewart, on her role as Bella Swan in the sequel to the hit vampire movie 'Twilight'

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President Barack Obama attends a bilateral Monday meeting with Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Yu Zhengsheng at Xijiao State Guest House in Shanghai, China.

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## China: Obama wants Beijing to relax Internet rules

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Given where Obama was speaking, such a comment carried strong implications. And he appeared to be talking directly to China's leaders when he said that he believes free discussion, including criticism that he sometimes finds annoying, makes him "a better leader because it forces me to hear opinions that I don't want to hear."

China has more than 250 million Internet users and employs some of the world's tightest controls over what they see.

The country is often criticized for having the so-called "Great Firewall of China," which refers to technology designed to prevent unwanted traffic from entering or leaving a network.

U.S. ambassador Jon Huntsman called Obama's event the first ever town-hall meeting

held by a U.S. president in China. Yet former presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush also spoke to students and took questions from them during stops in China.

The White House hoped Monday's town hall meeting with Chinese university students would allow Obama to telegraph U.S. values — through its successes and failures — to the widest Chinese audience possible.

But those hopes had their limits in communist-ruled China.

The first-term U.S. president then flew to Beijing and the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse for his third meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao. Trade, climate change and economic issues were expected to dominate.

The town hall meeting showed how difficult it is for the governments to work together. The

U.S. initially requested a larger venue and a live broadcast on a major network. In the end, Chinese officials put the event on the eastern fringes of the city. Only local Shanghai TV carried it live, though it was streamed on two popular Internet portals and on the White House's Web site, which is not censored.

Eager to achieve a successful summit, the two leaders are likely to avoid public spats on economic issues. With America's budget deficit soaring to a yearly record of \$1.42 trillion, China is the No. 1 lender to Washington and has expressed concern that the falling price of the dollar.

In the U.S., American manufacturers blame China's own low currency value for contributing to the loss of 5.6 million manufacturing jobs over the past decade.

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# At Fort Hood, a mental health battle

## Army counselors struggle to meet soldiers' needs

By PETER SLEVIN  
The Washington Post

FORT HOOD, Texas — Families from Georgia to California buried their Fort Hood dead over the weekend, but on the nation's largest military installation, the pace of operations did not slow. Soldiers by the hundred bid tearful farewells and shipped out to war as others returned to joyous homecomings.

For those who made it back, the Nov. 5 attack that made Fort Hood a symbol of the collateral damage of two faraway conflicts is also reminder of the battle the Army post has been waging against the mental demons unleashed by combat.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged in the killings, was a recent arrival to a mental health corps that had won recent plaudits from the Pentagon's highest echelons for its innovative thinking about soldier health. Yet the violence he allegedly unleashed only weeks before his own deployment underscores the depths of the military's challenges and the limits of its most well-intentioned reach.

More than 75 people based at Fort Hood have committed suicide since the Iraq war began in March 2003, including 10 this year, one of the highest rates in the Army. Divorce, depression and violence are increasingly common among the thousands of soldiers who cycle through, officials say.

Yet spaces exist for only a fraction of the soldiers who need help, officials say. For a soldier not considered in urgent psychiatric distress, it takes three to five weeks to begin counseling sessions, a senior staff psychiatrist reported. Resistance to seeking treatment can be fierce



At Fort Hood's Spiritual Fitness Center, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ira Houck and others help soldiers deal with mental distress after deployments and while readjusting to life in Killeen, Texas.

in a world where steered emotions are typically considered a sign of strength.

To heal the corps, Fort Hood commanders are moving beyond standard commands that soldiers simply suck it up. Sending a message that to hurt is human, to seek help divine, they hope to draw returning warriors into networks of support. It is too early to know if the pro-

grams will succeed.

For example, on the vast Army post cloaked in drab, Fort Hood's new Spiritual Fitness Center offers color. Inside, sunlight filters through stained glass of lavender and blue. Candles are surrounded in dishes of polished stones and George Winston piano solos play.

"We like to call this place 'listening and love,'" Lt. Col. Ira

Houck, a chaplain, explained from deep in an overstuffed armchair, one week after the shootings that left 13 people dead and dozens wounded.

If the concept sounds New Age, it is. The converted chapel in the heart of the newly christened Resiliency Campus offers a refuge for broken and distressed soldiers.

Yet Sgt. Matthew Spencer, a combat veteran who works as a greeter at the center, laughed when he said he and his buddies would never seek help here.

"I am from the infantry. We don't come to places like this," Spencer, 24, said above the strains of an Ennio Morricone composition. "Why don't we come? We've got each other."

"That's the battle right there," said David Rudd, a former Fort Hood psychologist who is studying post-combat stress. He cites the military's macho culture as one reason.

To address the fallout of war for active-duty soldiers, with the goal of returning them to the fight, Fort Hood last year established the Warrior Combat Stress Reset Program, modeled on a six-month approach at Fort Bliss, Texas. Here, soldiers devote three weeks to what psychiatrist Adam Borah, who runs the Resilience and Restoration Center, called "traditional and nontraditional therapies."

That means options from one-on-one counseling, group therapy and medication to yoga, acupuncture, massage and Japanese Reiki. The results are being evaluated as they emerge. Three graduates of the program, which treats 12 soldiers at a time, are in Iraq or Afghanistan.

He said Fort Hood could not meet the post's need for professional help.

"There is no question that our demand for services is greater than our ability to supply them on Fort Hood," Borah said.

## Military food supplier charged with fraud

ATLANTA — A Kuwaiti company has been charged with conspiring to defraud the U.S. in connection with multibillion-dollar contracts to feed U.S. troops in Iraq, Kuwait and Jordan.

Federal prosecutors said Monday that Public Warehousing Co. made false statements and submitted false claims to overcharge for food for troops.

The company is registered in Kuwait and has received more than \$8.5 billion in food supply contracts.

Acting U.S. Attorney Gentry Shelnutt says the fraud investigation is ongoing. The company is scheduled for a first court appearance in Atlanta on Friday.

## U.S. teams will work with Czechs on missiles

PRAGUE — The Obama administration hopes the Czech Republic will play an important role in a reworked U.S. missile defense plan, a top American official said Monday.

Ellen Tauscher, the U.S. undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, held talks at the Czech Foreign Ministry to discuss ways for the Czech Republic to participate in the new system.

"This is ... the opportunity for the Czech Republic to play a very significant role," Tauscher told reporters after meeting with Foreign Minister Jan Kohout and his deputy Tomas Pojar.

A month ago, Vice President Joe Biden won Czech support for the new plan.

Tauscher said technical teams will be coming in next month to discuss further details.

## Attorneys: Nurse had to treat patients' pain

SAN ANTONIO — Attorneys for a former Air Force nurse charged with killing three elderly patients by giving them lethal doses of medication say it would be negligent to undertreat pain

for the terminally sick in their final days.

Capt. Michael Fontana faces three counts of murder at his military court-martial

that was set to begin Monday at Lackland Air Force Base. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Jury selection was delayed Monday while lawyers discussed discovery, and it was not immediately clear when the trial would begin.

Fontana is accused of knowingly giving deadly amounts of painkillers to three civilian patients placed on do-not-resuscitate orders last year at Wilford Hall Medical Center, the Air Force's largest hospital.

His attorneys say Fontana was a competent and caring nurse who comforted the ailing.

From The Associated Press

## Confidant: Hasan made first contact in 2008, cleric says

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The journalist, Abdulrahman Hider Shaea, is a terrorism expert with close ties to al-Aulaqi. The Post contacted Shaea to conduct the interview and review al-Aulaqi's correspondence with Hasan, which consisted of a dozen or so e-mails. The Post reimbursed Shaea's travel expenses but did not pay him.

On Sunday, Shaea offered details of his interview with al-Aulaqi, an influential preacher whose sermons and writings supporting jihad have attracted a wide following among radical Islamists. Shaea allowed a Post reporter to view a video recording of a man who closely resembles pictures of al-Aulaqi sitting in front of his laptop reading the e-mails, and to hear an audiotape in

which a man, who like al-Aulaqi speaks English with an American accent, discusses his e-mail correspondence with Hasan.

The quotes in this article are based on Shaea's handwritten notes. Shaea said he was allowed to review the e-mails between Hasan and al-Aulaqi, but they were not provided to The Post.

Born in New Mexico, the thick-bearded, white-robed al-Aulaqi served as an imam at two mosques attended by three of the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers.

U.S. officials have accused him of working with al-Qaida networks in the Persian Gulf after leaving Northern Virginia. In mid-2006, he was detained in Yemen, his ancestral homeland, at the request of U.S. authorities. He was released in December 2007.

Al-Aulaqi described Hasan as a man who took his Muslim faith seriously, and who was eager to understand how to interpret Islamic sharia law.

In the e-mails, Hasan appeared to question U.S. involvement in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and often used "evidence from sharia that what America was doing should be confronted," the cleric told Shaea.

"So Nidal was providing evidence to Anwar, not vice versa," Shaea said. "Anwar felt, after seeing Nidal's e-mails, that [Hasan] had wide knowledge of sharia law." Shaea said he interviewed al-Aulaqi in his house on Saturday in Shabwa, a province in southern Yemen that has become an extremist stronghold and where al-Qaida is seeking to cre-

ate a haven.

Al-Aulaqi told Shaea that Hasan first reached out to him in an e-mail dated Dec. 17, 2008. He described Hasan introducing himself and writing: "Do you remember me? I used to pray with you at the Virginia mosque."

Initially, al-Aulaqi said he did not recall Hasan and did not reply to the e-mail. But after Hasan sent two or three more e-mails, the cleric said he "started to remember who he was," according to Shaea.

Al-Aulaqi said Hasan viewed him as a confidant. "It was clear from his e-mails that Nidal trusted me. Nidal told me: 'I speak with you about issues that I never speak with anyone else,'" he told Shaea.



Fontana

# Japan official: Consider moving Marines to Kadena

By DAVID ALLEN AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA  
*Stars and Stripes*

NAHA, Okinawa — Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada wrapped up his two-day visit to Okinawa on Monday promising to continue to look into alternatives to replacing Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Okada said he will pursue the possibility of scrapping plans to build a new Marine airstrip on Camp Schwab and instead moving Marines to Kadena Air Base.

"I can say that we are now reviewing every possibility, including the Kadena plan," he said during a news conference Monday in Naha.

In 2006 the U.S. and Japan agreed

to close MCAS Futenma, in urban central Okinawa, and move its operations to a more remote location on the island's northeast coast. But Japan's new government that took office in September has questioned whether the Marine air operations should be moved elsewhere.

Without the new base, U.S. officials have stated, the entire realignment plan for Okinawa would disintegrate. Okada agrees.

"Everything started in order to remove the danger presently posed at the Marine air station at the earliest possible time," he said Monday. "Scrapping the [2006 realignment] plan and starting from scratch is not an option. If the plan is scrapped, plans to move the 8,000 Marines

and close military bases south of Kadena will also fall apart."

On Sunday Okada viewed Camp Schwab and the village of Henoko, which hosts the base. He also viewed MCAS Futenma from a hill overlooking it and spoke with Okinawa leaders.

Okada acknowledged that moving the Marines to Kadena — with its two 12,000-foot runways making it the largest U.S. air base in East Asia — has been rejected by national and local officials in the past.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell earlier this month called the move operationally unworkable.

"You cannot consolidate the Air Force operations, the Marine Corps operations onto that facility and do all the things that

we need to do to provide for the defense of Japan," he said.

People who live near the base have long complained about aircraft noise and have successfully sued the Japanese government for damages.

However, Okada said that if the noise problem could be addressed, the move to Kadena would allow MCAS Futenma to be closed sooner than the planned 2014 date to complete the Camp Schwab project, which calls for two V-shaped runways to be built partly on reclaimed land in Oura Bay.

The Camp Schwab project is still in the environmental assessment stage.

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## Fired up



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

South Korean soldiers cheer on Monday during an anti-terror exercise in Ilsan, South Korea. South Korea's military is on high alert for possible North Korean provocations following last week's naval clash that left one North Korean crewmember dead and three others wounded.

## Army identifies soldier killed in crash

*Stars and Stripes*

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — The soldier killed in a three-car crash Friday on Kadena has been identified as Pfc. Michael W. Shipman Jr., 19.

An Army spokesman said Monday that Shipman — assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 1st Defense Artillery Battalion, based on Kadena — died at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

Army spokesman Chip Steitz said the cause of the crash remains

under investigation. It occurred around noon under rainy conditions on Douglas Boulevard across from Marek Park.

Three other servicemembers — including two soldiers who were in Shipman's car — were injured.

The soldiers were also taken to the hospital, where they are listed in stable condition, Steitz said.

The fourth person injured was an airman who was treated and released, a spokesman for the

Air Force said. The names of the injured personnel were not released.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and loved ones of Private 1st Class Shipman and to our injured soldiers," said Col. James Woodard, commander of the 10th Support Group.

A private memorial service for Shipman, of McDonough, Ga., is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the base's Keystone Theater.

## GI's lawyer wants interviews recorded in hit-and-run case

By DAVID ALLEN  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOMITAN, Okinawa — The Japanese attorney representing a soldier being held in connection with a fatal hit-and-run incident has asked prosecutors to require videotaping of any future questioning of the suspect.

Attorney Toshimitsu Takaesu told Stars and Stripes on Monday that he also has advised the soldier to remain silent until videotaping is approved.

"From the accused's statement, I have great apprehension that continuing the current style of interrogation and having the accused give statements and signing it would twist the court's finding and lead to violation of the accused's rights," Takaesu wrote in his request to the prosecutors.

The Army sergeant, whose name is being withheld pending charges, is in the custody of military authorities on Torii Station. He voluntarily submitted to questioning last week by Okinawa police concerning the Nov. 7 hit-and-run incident that killed 66-year-old Masakazu Hokama.

Takaesu said the soldier told police that he may have struck something, but he had "not caused a death by hitting somebody" and was concerned that his statement was misinterpreted when translated into Japanese.

According to Takaesu's written request to prosecutor's to allow videotaping, the soldier said he'd signed the statement because he was "advised by military personnel that it's important to cooperate with the police."

But Takaesu said his client told him he couldn't "really understand the translator's English and the statement is that of the police officer who has taken my story and used it in a different connotation."

The soldier has admitted driving a car owned by a friend to a body shop in Yomitan the afternoon of Nov. 7, several hours before Hokama's body was found near a two-lane road winding



DAVID ALLEN/Stars and Stripes

**Offerings of flowers and snacks mark the site where a 66-year-old Okinawa man was killed Nov. 7 in what Okinawa police are calling a hit-and-run incident. A U.S. soldier is being investigated in connection with the incident.**

through an agricultural area near Torii Station.

Takaesu said the soldier told him he hit something in the "pitch black" darkness around 4:30 a.m.

"He said he got out of the car, but did not see any person," Takaesu told Stars and Stripes. "The only thing he saw was some bushes and fences and he thought he hit a branch overhanging the road."

Later in the day he saw the car was damaged more than he realized and he took it to a local garage for repairs, Takaesu said.

"He did not notice the hair and blood [on the vehicle] until police pointed it out," Takaesu said. "He was quite upset. He is a medic and would of course have rendered first aid if he had known there was an injured person."

He said the soldier told him he had spent the night at several Okinawa entertainment districts but had not been drinking and had just finished eating breakfast at a local McDonald's.

Stars and Stripes reporter Chiyomi Sumida contributed to this story. E-mail David Allen at: allen@pstrips.osd.mil

## Teacher is second DODDS employee to die this month

*Stars and Stripes*

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A Cummings Elementary School teacher was pronounced dead Nov. 12 after being discovered unresponsive in her off-base home, according to school officials.

Japanese officials reported that Margaret A. Marsett's death was not the result of criminal activity, according to a Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific news release on Monday.

An Aomori prefectural police spokesman declined to release the cause of death, saying it's

against policy unless foul play is suspected.

Marsett, 63, who taught fourth- and fifth-graders, is the second Pacific DODDS employee to die this month.

Robert J. Joyce, 68, was reported dead Nov. 4 at Ryukyu University Hospital following a battle with cancer, according to a separate news release.

Marsett began working with DODDS in August 2001 as a fifth-grade teacher at Lanham Elementary School at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, according to the release.

She moved to Misawa in July.

Marsett is survived by her brothers, John and Robin Marsett, and by her niece, Christina Marsett.

Joyce retired from the Air Force in 1992 and worked as a customer service representative with DODDS's personnel division on Torii Station, Okinawa. He is survived by his wife, Utako "Emi" Joyce.

A memorial service for Joyce will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Kadena Air Base's Chapel Two, next to the base library.

# Afghanistan launches anti-corruption squad

By DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

KABUL — Afghan officials announced a new anti-corruption unit and major crime fighting force Monday amid international pressure to clean up the government following a fraud-tainted presidential election.

This is the third formal launch of a unit promising to rein in rampant graft and bribery by the Afghan government, which has been dogged by corruption for years. But government officials told reporters this attempt has a better chance because of a real desire to succeed and strong international backing.

This one also comes amid threats from world leaders who are hedging their com-



Eikenberry

mitments of aid and troops on the ability of Afghan President Hamid Karzai to battle corruption.

U.S. Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry both praised the plan and called for follow-through.

"It requires action. Words are cheap. Deeds are required," he told reporters at a

news conference in Kabul.

"We share a vision of Afghanistan where justice is available to all and the institutions of government and society serve the

wider interests of the people, not the narrow interests of the powerful," Eikenberry said.

"Achieving this vision is essential for this country to become a strong and prosperous Islamic state, and it's not a vision that can be achieved by force alone," said Eikenberry, who has questioned the wisdom of adding U.S. forces when the Afghan political situation is unstable and uncertain.

Both American and British officials have said they will consider the Afghan government's commitment to reform in deciding how many more troops to send to fight the resurgent Taliban. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday that the U.S. will not provide any civilian aid to Af-

ghanistan without a way to hold ministries accountable for how funds are used.

British Ambassador Mark Sedwill said corruption has created a "crisis of confidence" about the government among the Afghan people. He stressed the fight against corruption was not an issue between Afghanistan and the international community, but between the Afghan government and the people.

Afghan officials emphasized the task force was not imposed on the government by the international community — the Karzai government set it up with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Britain's Serious Organized Crime Agency and Interpol.

## Afghan market attack targets French general

The Associated Press

TAGAB VALLEY, Afghanistan — Insurgents fired two rockets Monday into a crowded market northeast of Kabul where the head of French forces in Afghanistan was holding a meeting with tribal elders. The attack killed 12 people and wounded another 38, the French military said.

Lt. Col. Lionel, who can only be identified by his first name in accordance with French military policy, witnessed the attack in the town of Tagab in Kapisa province and said the target had been the meeting, known as a shura, where Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart was

discussing with elders a major French offensive in the Tagab Valley the previous day.

"The target was clearly the shura," Lionel said, explaining that these types of meetings were vulnerable because so many invitations to attend were issued in advance.

He said one of the rockets had fallen about 200 yards from the shura. He denied earlier army reports that it landed only a dozen yards away.

The general was not hurt in the attack, and French officers said none of the wounded were NATO troops. One French Caracal and three U.S. Black Hawk helicop-

ters evacuated those hurt from the area.

Lionel said about 20 of the wounded were in serious or critical condition. Another French officer, Capt. Michel, who also can only be identified by his first name, said three of those killed were children.

Druart is the commander of the French La Fayette Task Force in Afghanistan. The shura was being held inside a district center next to the town's main market and was attended by about 40 Afghan officials, including the local police chief, the regional deputy governor and religious elders.



FRENCH MILITARY/AP

French NATO soldiers evacuate wounded from Tagab, Afghanistan, on Monday. Insurgents fired two rockets Monday into a crowded market northeast of Kabul where the head of French forces in Afghanistan held a meeting with tribal elders. The attack killed 12.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Truck blast targets police in Pakistan

By RIAZ KHAN

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A truck laden with explosives blew up outside a police station in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing four people in an area that has become the focal point for militant retaliation against an army offensive along the nearby Afghan border.

The explosion destroyed several shops and homes and damaged the station and a nearby mosque in the town of Badh Ber, which lies close to a Pakistani air force base as well as the major northwestern city of Peshawar. Thirty other people were wounded.

Militants have killed more than 300 civilians and security personnel in the last month to try and weaken the country's resolve to continue the military operation in South Waziristan region, where al-Qaida and Taliban leaders are believed to be hiding.

"We have to continue this war against terrorists and have to keep our nerves," said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the information minister for North West Frontier Province

where Badh Ber is located.

Police opened fire on the truck as it approached a checkpoint in front of the police station, but the driver was able to detonate his explosives, said Peshawar police chief Liaqat Ali Khan.

"The sound of the blast was very loud, and when I rushed out from my home I saw everything was destroyed here," Tariq Hasan told AP Television News.

The attack killed four people and wounded 30 others, said Sahib Gul, a doctor at a hospital in Peshawar where the victims were brought. The identities of the dead were not known.

Local television footage showed rescue workers searching for survivors amid a tangle of bricks and twisted metal. The blast killed a horse that was attached to a wooden carriage and injured another nearby.

Police explosives expert Tanvir Ahmed estimated the truck was carrying about 550 pounds of high explosives, a much larger amount than has been used in other bombings carried out in recent weeks.

"This is an obvious reaction to the operation in the tribal areas,"



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

**Pakistani police officers investigate the site of a car bombing on Monday at a police station in Badh Ber, a town near Peshawar, Pakistan. Four people were killed when a truck exploded.**

said Sahibzada Anees, a senior government official in the area.

Badh Ber is nearly 7 miles south of Peshawar. The area in and around the city, which borders Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal region, has experienced a wave of attacks since the army launched its South Waziristan offensive in mid-October. More than 50 people have been killed in the area in

a little over a week.

Hussain, the information minister, said the South Waziristan operation has driven many militants out of the tribal region into places near Peshawar, making the area a prime target for attacks.

"Terrorists have spread into our settled areas and have surrounded Peshawar, but they cannot defeat our resolve," said Hussain.

## Japanese engineer kidnapped in Yemen

SAN'A, Yemen — Armed tribesmen have kidnapped a Japanese engineer working in Yemen and demanded the government release one of their imprisoned tribe members, the Japanese Embassy and a Yemeni security official said Monday.

Kohei Akiyama, the Embassy's first secretary, did not release the name of the kidnapped man or the private company he works for in Yemen.

He said Monday evening that the kidnapping took place more than a day earlier.

## Suu Kyi wants to talk with Myanmar rulers

YANGON, Myanmar — Myanmar's detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has sent a letter to the head of the country's junta seeking a meeting to discuss how they can cooperate for the national interest, a spokesman for her party said Monday.

The initiative is the latest move is try to break the political deadlock that began when Suu Kyi's party won a 1990 general election. The military refused to allow it to take power.

Suu Kyi's party has long sought a dialogue with the government, but its advances have mostly been spurned.

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# U.N.: Iran nuke site to start in 2011

By GEORGE JAHN  
and NASSER KARIMI  
The Associated Press

VIENNA — A senior official says the U.N. nuclear agency believes Iran plans to start enriching uranium at a previously secret facility in 2011.

The official says the International Atomic Energy Agency also believes that the site near the holy city of Qom will be able to house 3,000 uranium-enriching centrifuges.

A senior international official familiar with a new IAEA report said Monday the number could



Ahmadinejad

the information.

Iran denies it wants a nuclear weapons program, saying it is enriching only to create nuclear

allow Iran to enrich enough material to be able to arm one nuclear warhead a year. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the restricted nature of

fuel.

President Barack Obama turned up the pressure Sunday by saying Iran is running out of time to agree to a U.N.-brokered plan to ship its low-enriched uranium out of the country to enrich it to a higher level.

The West had hoped this plan would dramatically reduce its stockpile of enriched uranium and thwart any attempts to build nuclear weapons.

Iran's president warned the West not to pressure Tehran over its nuclear program, saying this only makes the country more determined to gain power by ad-

vancing its nuclear technology.

The comment by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad appeared to be a veiled threat that Iran would try to intensify its efforts to enrich uranium if nuclear negotiations with the international community fail.

"Cooperation with Iran in the nuclear field is in the interests of Westerners. Their opposition will make Iran more powerful and advanced," Ahmadinejad said in a statement posted late Sunday on the presidential Web site.

Iran sees its nuclear program as a matter of national pride and regional influence.

## Berlusconi's tax fraud trial delayed in Italy

MILAN — The trial of Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi on a tax fraud charge reopened Monday after a year, but was immediately adjourned until January to allow the premier to attend.

The premier was busy with a global food summit in Rome and did not attend the hearing in a Milan courtroom. His lawyers said Berlusconi is unavailable for the trial due to his engagements as premier until Jan. 18.

Berlusconi has declared his intention to attend the trial since Italy's highest court last month threw out as unconstitutional an immunity law shielding Berlusconi and other top officials from trial while in office.

"On the 18th, if there are witnesses or defendants or something substantial, [Berlusconi] will be there," defense lawyer Niccolò Ghedini said.

Berlusconi is accused of tax fraud involving his broadcaster Mediaset's purchase of TV rights. He denies wrongdoing.

## No. 2 Mafia fugitive arrested in Sicily

ROME — Police captured one of Sicily's top Mafia fugitives on Sunday, dealing a stiff blow to the island's Cosa Nostra crime syndicate, Italian officials said.

Convicted mobster Domenico Raccuglia, who has been on the run for 15 years, now faces several life sentences for crimes including the murder of a rival's 9-year-old son, whose body was then thrown into a vat of acid.

Raccuglia was arrested in an apartment in a tiny town near Trapani, police said.

Italian Interior Minister Roberto Maroni described Raccuglia as Cosa Nostra's No. 2, and hailed his arrest as delivering "one of the hardest blows" to the Sicilian Mafia in the last few years.

## Sentence cut for Swede guilty in U.S. murders

STOCKHOLM — A Swedish woman who was sentenced to life in prison for a double murder in the U.S. will be released in 2011.

Annika Ostberg was convicted in California in 1983 of murdering a retired restaurateur in Stockton and a Lake County sheriff's sergeant. She pleaded guilty to avoid execution. Prosecutors said her boyfriend fired the fatal shots; he hanged himself in jail while awaiting trial.

A Swedish court ruled Monday that Ostberg, who is now 55, can have her sentence reduced to 45 years. She was first imprisoned in 1981, and Swedish prisoners are normally released after serving two-thirds of their sentences.

From The Associated Press

# Carter defends handling of Iran hostage crisis

By MICHAEL CASEY  
The Associated Press

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — Former President Jimmy Carter said Monday that he had no regrets about his handling of the Iran hostage crisis more than 30 years ago, saying he didn't attack the country as his advisers proposed because thousands of people would have died.

Islamic militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979, and seized its occupants. Fifty-two Americans were held hostage for 444 days.

Carter acknowledged that his failure to bring the hostages home — including a botched rescue mission in which eight U.S. servicemen died — led to his election defeat to President Ronald Reagan in 1980. The hostages were released on Jan. 20, 1981, just minutes after Reagan was sworn in as the new president.

"I don't have any doubt that was the main factor in my defeat," Carter told reporters in the Thai



MICHAEL S. ELMORE/AP

Former President Jimmy Carter braves the heat Monday near Chiang Mai, Thailand, as he and others build a Habitat for Humanity house.

city of Chiang Mai, where he was helping build houses for Habitat for Humanity. "Obviously, if I had rescued the hostages or they had not been taken, I would have been re-elected."

Carter said one proposed option was a military strike on Iran,

but he chose to stick with negotiations to prevent bloodshed and bring the hostages home safely.

"My main advisers insisted that I should attack Iran," he said. "I could have destroyed Iran with my weaponry. But I felt in the process it was likely the hostages'

lives would be lost, and I didn't want to kill 20,000 Iranians. So I didn't attack."

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, are among 3,000 volunteers from 25 countries working with Habitat for Humanity this week to help build and repair homes along the Mekong River in Thailand, Vietnam, China, Cambodia and Laos.

The homes in Cambodia are being built for families living in a garbage dump, the ones in Vietnam are for fishermen who now live on their boats, and the project in China involves construction of an apartment building in a part of Sichuan province devastated by a 2008 earthquake.

"In an area of the world where many people live in deplorable conditions, we have a chance to help families improve their housing," said Carter.

He and his wife spent Monday helping build 82 homes in honor of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who celebrates his 82nd birthday next month.

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General Motors Co. announced Monday that it would begin paying back bailout funds by the end of this year. The company, headquartered in Detroit, received \$6.7 billion.

## GM may repay bailout money by end of 2010

### CEO says payments to start this year

**By KEN THOMAS**  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — General Motors Co. will begin paying back \$6.7 billion in U.S. government loans by the end of 2009 and could pay off that full amount as early as 2010, five years ahead of schedule, CEO Fritz Henderson said Monday.

The government debt represents about 13 percent of the \$52 billion that U.S. taxpayers have invested in General Motors, the majority of which was exchanged for a 61 percent ownership stake in the company.

GM said Monday that it lost \$1.2 billion from the time it left bankruptcy protection through Sept. 30, showing better results than the auto company had reported in previous quarters and signaling the auto giant is beginning to rebound.

Under the plan to pay back the loans, the Detroit automaker will make quarterly payments of \$1 billion to the U.S. government and \$200 million to the Canadian government beginning in December. GM would be on track to pay off the \$6.7 billion U.S. debt and a \$1.4 billion debt to Canada by the middle of 2011, well ahead of a mid-2015 deadline to repay the two governments.

But Henderson said if the company's finances were in "reasonable condition" by June 2010, GM

could repay the full amount next year.

He said GM was in a position to make the payments ahead of schedule because the company performed better than expected during the bankruptcy and the company's sales and overall performance since then have been modestly better than expected. The automaker will draw on about \$13 billion that remains deposited in escrow by the government to help make the payments.

However, the Government Accountability Office said in a report issued earlier this month that the automaker's share values would have to soar to levels they didn't even approach when they were healthier for the \$80 billion in taxpayer loans to be completely repaid.

Henderson, responding to the GAO report, told reporters "it is my mission to disprove the GAO."

Henderson said the repayment plan would allow GM to pay down a substantial portion of the government debt by the time the company goes public.

GM Chairman Ed Whitacre said last week that GM was committed to repaying its government loans.

"Can GM pay back its loans? You bet. I can't tell you when, but it won't be very long," he said.

## Americans' views on health care bill pose challenge to reform, poll shows

**By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR AND TREVOR TOMPSON**  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Americans are worried about the fine print in the health care overhaul, an Associated Press poll indicates, and those concerns are creating new challenges for President Barack Obama as he tries to overcome doubts in Congress.

Despite a widely shared conviction that major health care changes are needed, Democratic bills to extend coverage to the uninsured and hold down medical costs get no better than a lukewarm reception in the latest results.

The poll found that 43 percent of Americans oppose the health care plans being discussed in Congress, while 41 percent support the plans. An additional 15 percent remain neutral or undecided.

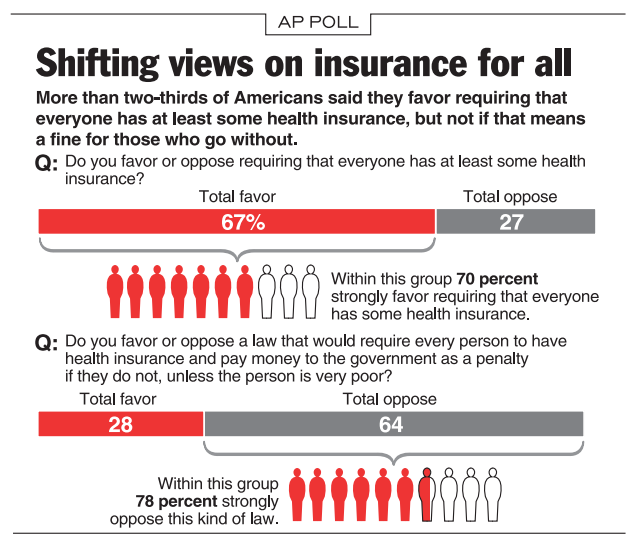
There has been little change in that broad public sentiment about the overhaul plan from a 40-40 split in an AP poll last month.

The latest survey was conducted by Stanford University with the nonprofit Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The United States is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan, leaving about 50 million Americans uninsured.

When the AP poll questions were framed broadly, the answers seemed to indicate ample support for Obama's goals. When required trade-offs were brought into the equation, opinions shifted.

In one particularly striking finding, the poll indicated that public support for banning insurance practices that discriminate



against those in poor health may not be as solid as it seems.

A ban on denial of coverage because of pre-existing medical problems has long been one of the most popular consumer protections in the health care debate. Some 82 percent said they favored the ban, according to a Pew Research Center poll in October.

In the AP poll, when told that such a ban would probably cause most people to pay more for their health insurance, 43 percent said they would still support doing away with pre-existing condition denials but 31 percent said they would oppose it. The poll suggests the public is becoming more attuned to the fact that when it comes to health care, details

often make all the difference.

For example, asked if everyone should be required to have at least some health insurance, 67 percent agreed and 27 percent said no. The responses flipped when people were asked about requiring everybody to carry insurance or face a federal penalty: 64 percent said they would be opposed, while 28 percent favored that.

Both the House and Senate bills would require all Americans to get health insurance, either through an employer, a government program or by buying it.

The poll was based on land line and cell phone interviews with 1,502 adults from Oct. 29 to Nov. 8. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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Military rates	
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Kuwait (Dinar)	2.856
Norway (Krone)	5.5590
Philippines (Peso)	46.69
Poland (Zloty)	2.73
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3851
South Korea (Won)	1,156.50
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Thailand (Baht)	33.21
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INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	4.36
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

## Body of missing N.C. girl found

**By ALYSIA PATTERSON**  
*The Associated Press*

SANFORD, N.C. — Searchers found the body of a missing 5-year-old off a road Monday, ending a weeklong search for the girl, whose mother was accused of offering her for sex, police said.

Fayetteville Police spokeswoman Theresa Chance told The Associated Press that searchers found Shaniya Davis' body southeast of Sanford in central North Carolina.

Two people have been charged in her disappearance, including her mother, Antoinette Davis, 25. Police charged Davis with human trafficking and felony child abuse, saying Shaniya was offered for prostitution. A first court appearance for Davis was scheduled Monday afternoon, and police said she did not yet have an attorney.

Authorities also charged Mario Andrette McNeill, 29, with kidnapping after they said he was seen in surveillance footage carrying Shaniya at a Sanford hotel. Authorities said McNeill admitted taking the girl, though his attorney said he will plead not guilty.

Davis reported Shaniya missing last Tuesday. The investigation first led to the arrest of a man named Clarence Coe, but charges against him were dropped a day later.

Additional information led investigators to a search site near Sanford on Sunday. They continued searching Monday, scouring miles of landscape, roads, ravines and fields on four-wheelers and with helicopters.

After Shaniya's body was found, a solemn group of searchers met quietly at a nearby fire station to ensure that all volunteers were accounted for.

Her father, Bradley Lockhart, said he raised his daughter for several years but last month decided to let her stay with her mother. He had pleaded for her safe return.

"I should've never let her go over there," he said Saturday.



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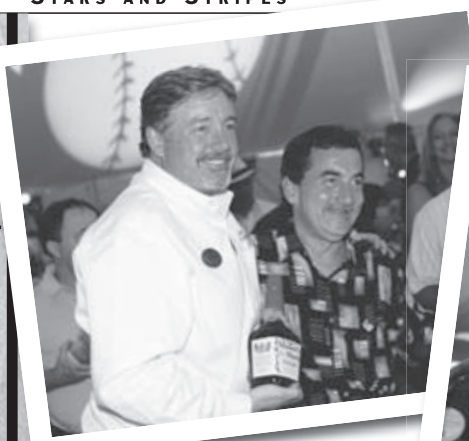
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# DISTILLED CELEBRITY

*The humble stars*  
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*of the bourbon world*

By Bruce Schreiner | The Associated Press



**Clockwise from top:** Tiger Huston, right, has his picture taken with Kevin Smith, Maker's Mark master distiller, at a bourbon tasting-tent party on Sept. 16 in Bardstown, Ky; patrons look over a line of bourbons at the bourbon tasting; Jimmy Russell, Wild Turkey's master distiller, signs his autograph on trading cards.

Ed REINKE/AP



**J**immy Russell and Fred Noe aren't household names, but they're stars when it comes to fine sippin' spirits made in bourbon country.

Russell is in his 55th year at the Wild Turkey Distillery, where he has been the master distiller in charge of plant operations since the late 1960s. Noe is a great-grandson of Jim Beam himself.

Both travel the world promoting their Kentucky brands to fans who want bottles autographed or pictures taken with the bourbon barons during promotional events in bars, restaurants and liquor stores from Singapore to Sweden.

"Any place where alcohol is allowed, I've probably set my foot on it in the last four or five years," said Noe, who as brand ambassador spends at least half the year traveling on behalf of his ancestor's namesake whiskey.

For decades, bourbon plant bosses rarely strayed far from the distilleries. Many even lived on the grounds. But much of the work once done by turning valves is now handled by computerized systems. While the distillers remain sticklers for quality and consistency, still relying on sight, smell and taste to decide when aged bourbon is ready for bottling, they have assistants who manage the plants when they're gone.

Russell once signed more than 700 bottles of Wild Turkey at a single promotional event in Australia. As smooth as his whiskey, he doesn't consider himself a celebrity.

"I'm just an old master distiller," he said.

Hubbub has become routine for the men responsible for other Kentucky brands as well — Four Roses, Evan Williams, Maker's Mark, Woodford Reserve, Buffalo Trace and 1792 Ridgmont Reserve.

When they're not at the plants, they offer fans insights into bourbon making and how to savor the whiskey.

"It's not all about throwing a shot back and chasing it with a beer," said Noe, a seventh-generation distiller. "You need to sip it."

To earn the name,

bourbon must be made in the United States and contain at least 51 percent corn in the mash. It is aged in new charred oak barrels for at least two years.

Jim Rutledge of Four Roses said the distillers love talking about bourbon — and their marketing teams realized that could "be a gold mine."

Rutledge also has signed hundreds of bottles at a single event. His scrawl was never more conspicuous than in a Japanese bar where he was asked to sign his name as big as he could across a wall.

"They said they would never paint over it," Rutledge said.

Chris Morris, master distiller of Woodford Reserve, spends about 100 days a year promoting the super-premium, small-batch bourbon. The popularity of promotional events, he said, reflects "a new connoisseur class of consumers" and bourbon's emergence as a spirit "equal to the great whiskeys of the world."

Still, the distillers seem amused by all the attention. "I'm no different than I ever was," said Parker Beam, who has spent a half-century making bourbon at Heaven Hill Distilleries, with brands that include Evan Williams and Elijah Craig.

Parker Beam said his father, Earl, also a longtime master distiller at Heaven Hill, would likely frown on the public relations role of distillers today. "He'd say it's hard to run a distillery when they ask you to be gone so much."

Chuck Cowderly, an American whiskey writer and author of "Bourbon, Straight," said bourbon distillers

project an authenticity — down to their Kentucky accents — that consumers crave.

"They are as foreign and almost exotic in New York, Chicago or San Francisco as they are in Tokyo or London," Cowderly said.

Bathed in loud music under tents at the recent Kentucky Bourbon Festival in Bardstown, some star-struck fans were surprised at their easy access to the distillers of world-class spirits.

Marie Rossi, visiting with her husband, John, from Orange, Conn., said that where they are from, "We'd have to go to a special event and be dressed up and be on the A list. We wouldn't have this access."

Parker Beam, a grandnephew of Jim Beam, chuckled when recalling one of his strangest encounters with a whiskey fan who approached him at an event in San Francisco.

"He pointed his finger and said, 'You're Parker Beam,'" and I said, 'Yeah,'" Beam recalled. "He said, 'I thought you were some fictitious character the marketing people came up with. But you're a real person.'"

The real stars, the distillers insist, are the whiskeys.

"I don't think it has anything to do with who I am," said Kevin Smith, master distiller at Maker's Mark Distillery. "I'm just a lucky guy, and I happen to have the right title."

\* **Bourbon must be made in the United States with at least 51 percent corn in the mash, then aged in new charred oak barrels.**

\* **4.6** The number of barrels of bourbon in millions currently aging in Kentucky.

\* Jim Rutledge of Four Roses was once asked to sign his name as big as he could across a wall at a Japanese bar. "They said they would never paint over it," Rutledge said.

\* **On the strength of premium and super-premium brands, production has risen by more than 75 percent since 1999.**

\* **95** The percentage of the world's bourbon made in Kentucky.

## FACES

## In the 'Twilight' zone

Lautner braces for impact of more prominent role

The only way Taylor Lautner was going to reprise his "Twilight" role of Jacob Black in "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" was to change.

That's because Jacob has to evolve from being an average teenage boy to a muscled young man who transforms into a wolf.

"Jacob transforms a lot in 'New Moon,' not only physically but mentally and emotionally as well. So it was a matter of getting into the gym and eating the right foods and also reading and studying the book and my character," Lautner says.

Lautner mixed exercise and high-calorie meals to build the body that gets revealed repeatedly in the movie. The more than 3,200 calories he needed daily to be able to add the muscle mass was accomplished by eating every two hours.

Director Chris Weitz says that while the audience identified Lautner with the role after "Twilight," there was a possibility the part could have been recast if Lautner did not get himself ready for the film.

"But I was always convinced he was going to be able to do it. ...

"I like the sweetness of his character in the first movie," Weitz says. "I knew it was easier to take an actor in the direction of anger and rage than it was to find some sort of 'hunkster' Native American and somehow turn him into that very sweet nature that Taylor brings out to boot."

Keeping the role of Jacob means Lautner has to deal with the same intense publicity spotlight that's been shining on his co-stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson since "Twilight."

Lautner says there is no way to prepare for the stardom phenomenon.

"We were just filming a movie that we wanted the fans to enjoy," Lautner says. "And then it kind of just blew into this whole other world."

— Rick Bentley/The Fresno Bee

Stewart trying to tune out tabloids

Kristen Stewart was a bundle of nerves talking about "Twilight" a year ago. She's far more confident these days as "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" gets ready to rise in stateside movie theaters Friday.

"I think I've gotten a lot more comfortable with talking about myself. I couldn't finish a sentence because I was so concerned about how it was going to sound and I didn't want to come across insincere about something that I really love to do," Stewart, 19, says.

She had to get comfortable because Stewart and her fellow "New Moon" co-stars, especially Robert Pattinson, with whom she's been romantically linked, have become constant media fodder.

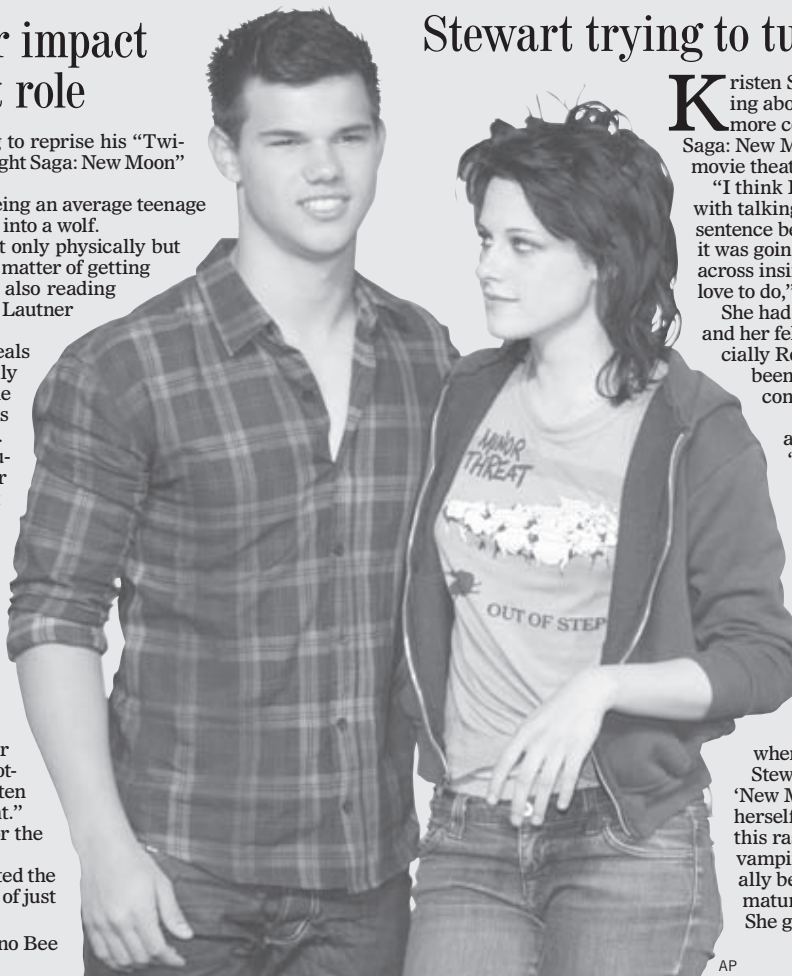
Stewart's take on all the tabloid attention is that it is "false" and "mean."

"It's like a ridiculous show. Like a soap opera that seems real, but you're not quite sure," Stewart says. "It doesn't bother me. I don't take it personally."

The "New Moon" filming was the best distraction because it forced Stewart to go into a very different acting direction. While the first film was about finding true love, "New Moon" is about her character Bella trying to rebound from the emotional crash that comes when love is lost.

Stewart says, "What I really love about 'New Moon' is you really see this girl build herself back up and by the time she makes this rash decision to spend eternity with a vampire, she's in a position that you actually believe it. You are old enough, you are mature enough to know. You've lived life. She grows up."

— Rick Bentley/The Fresno Bee



AP

## Men of New York, take note

Vivica A. Fox is on the prowl. She just moved from Los Angeles to New York City, where she believes there are far more eligible — and successful — bachelors on the singles scene.

"There are nothing but broke actors and models in L.A.," she said. "At least these gentlemen here [in New York] will buy you a drink."

— Wireless Flash



AP

Vivica A. Fox isn't down with the concept of buying her own drinks.

## Swank happily living in denial

One tot gets a daily peep show from "Amelia" actress Hilary Swank.

The Oscar winner admits she sleeps in the buff and is often nude in front of her boyfriend's 6-year-old son. The kid comes into their bedroom every morning, but Swank swears he doesn't even notice she's naked.

— Wireless Flash



FOX

Fortunately for hubby Will, Jada's not too good for him.

— Wireless Flash

## Woman who rejected Smith now weeping

Will Smith wasn't always a hit with the ladies. His boyhood crush once broke his heart in front of the entire school. They were at an assembly and he yelled out to her, "How are you feeling?" over hundreds of students. She shouted back, "Too good for you!" Smith admits that embarrassing moment still haunts him.

## Disaster flick a box office success

Doom spelled dollars at the box office as the global-disaster tale "2012" opened at No. 1 domestically with \$65 million and pulled in \$225 million worldwide.

The Sony Pictures action saga tells the story of a scramble to save remnants of humanity aboard giant arks as the Earth's crust shifts and floodwaters pour over most of the planet. With a cast led by John Cusack, Danny Glover and Chiwetel Ejiofor, "2012" was directed by doomsday specialist Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day," "The Day After Tomorrow").

"Disney's A Christmas Carol" slipped to No. 2 with \$22.3 million, down only 26 percent from its No. 1 opening gross a weekend earlier. The Jim Carrey holiday adventure raised its 10-day total to \$63.3 million.

Big films typically can drop 50 percent or

more in the second weekend, but the strong hold for "A Christmas Carol" indicates it could have a long shelf life through the holiday season.

Lionsgate's acclaimed drama "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" broke into the top 10 as it expanded to more theaters after a huge debut in limited release the previous weekend.

Finishing at No. 4, "Precious" took in \$6.1 million in 174 theaters. With a cast that includes Mo'Nique, Mariah Carey and Lenny Kravitz, "Precious" stars newcomer Gabourey Sidibe as a Harlem teen pulling herself out of an abyss of illiteracy, incest and domestic abuse.

"Michael Jackson's 'This Is It'" added \$5.1 million domestically to raise its total to \$67.2 million.

— The Associated Press

# Walmart scuffle could send woman to jail

By BETSY TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Nearly three years after Heather Ellis switched checkout lines at a southeast Missouri store and touched off what she calls a racially charged dispute with white customers and authorities, the young black school-teacher faces a trial that could send her to prison for 15 years.

Witnesses have told authorities that Ellis cut in front of waiting customers at the Walmart in Kennett, Mo., on Jan. 6, 2007, shoved merchandise already placed on a conveyor belt out of the way, and became belligerent when confronted, according to court filings.

Ellis maintains she was merely joining her cousin, whose checkout line was moving more quickly. She claimed in a written complaint to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that she was then

pushed by a white customer, hassled by store employees, called racial slurs and physically mistreated by Kennett police officers.

Police say in court documents that Ellis refused requests to calm down and leave the property, allegedly kicking an officer's shin and splitting another's lip while resisting arrest. Her trial on charges of assaulting police officers, resisting arrest and disturbing the peace begins Wednesday in Dunklin County Circuit Court.

The Syracuse, N.Y.-based Your Black World Coalition planned to hold a Monday rally in Kennett.

A college student in New Orleans at the time of her arrest, the 24-year-old Ellis now teaches in Louisiana, where she is engaged to a state trooper. She has said she feels trapped by "small-town politics" in Kennett, where her family lives.

Kennett is a town of roughly 11,000 residents, about 1,500 of them black.

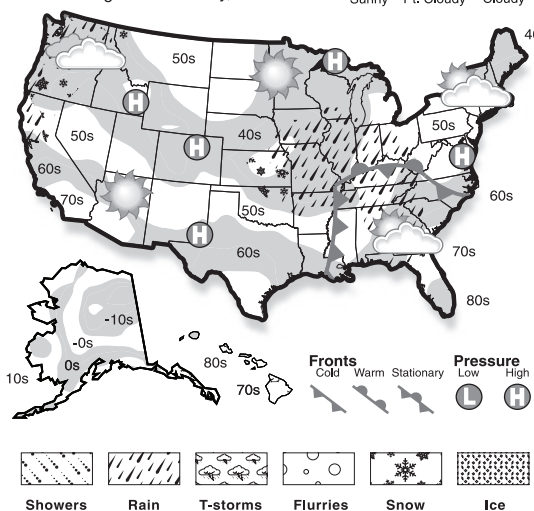


MATT ROURKE/AP

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Nov. 17



### Storm in mid-U.S., front in Pacific Northwest

A storm system in the Mid-Mississippi Valley and its associated fronts will produce showers and thunderstorms from the Ohio Valley to areas of the Gulf Coast. Mixed precipitation will persist in the Pacific Northwest as a front approaches the coast.

Weather Underground • AP

### Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	57	39	rn
Amsterdam	54	44	rn	Lima	69	63	cdy
Athens	66	41	pc	Lisbon	69	60	rn
Auckland	64	55	rn	London	57	46	rn
Baghdad	75	55	clr	Madrid	63	50	rn
Basra	84	57	clr	Managua	89	75	clr
Bahrain	87	73	clr	Manila	90	75	clr
Bangkok	91	77	rn	Mecca	97	75	clr
Barbados	87	76	rn	Melbourne	80	54	pc
Barcelona	69	54	clr	Mexico City	75	44	clr
Beijing	33	23	pc	Montevideo	73	59	pc
Beirut	73	61	pc	Montreal	54	44	rn
Belgrade	58	46	clr	Moscow	39	33	rn
Berlin	57	46	rn	Nairobi	78	62	pc
Bermuda	76	71	rn	Nassau	82	74	pc
Bogota	69	44	rn	New Delhi	80	68	pc
Brasilia	87	61	clr	Nice	64	55	pc
Brisbane	81	64	clr	Osaka	60	55	clr
Brussels	54	46	rn	Oslo	46	34	rn
Bucharest	52	35	rn	Panama	87	74	pc
Budapest	57	35	rn	Paris	59	50	rn
Buenos Aires	73	62	pc	Perth	81	48	clr
Cairo	73	58	pc	Prague	54	40	clr
Calgary	50	21	pc	Rio de Janeiro	89	75	rn
Caracas	89	72	clr	Rome	62	51	clr
Colombo	78	75	rn	San Jose	78	64	rn
Copenhagen	52	44	rn	San Juan	90	76	rn
Dhahran	89	64	clr	San Salvador	87	68	clr
Dhaka	88	79	clr	Santiago	87	46	clr
Dili	91	74	clr	Sao Paulo	78	71	rn
Dubai	86	69	clr	Sapporo	55	41	rn
Dublin	54	39	pc	Seoul	35	26	pc
Frankfurt	55	43	pc	Singapore	89	75	pc
Geneva	52	46	rn	Sofia	55	33	pc
Guatemala	82	55	pc	Stockholm	46	44	rn
Hanoi	64	59	rn	Sydney	75	64	pc
Harare	83	66	rn	Taipei	75	64	rn
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Jakarta	93	75	clr	Toronto	56	41	cdy
Jerusalem	75	57	pc	Tunis	79	53	pc
Johannesburg	81	60	rn	Valletta	68	60	pc
Kabul	59	32	clr	Vancouver	50	37	rn
Kiev	40	37	rn	Vienna	59	39	pc
Kuala Lumpur	88	75	rn	Warsaw	42	39	rn
Kuwait	87	60	clr	Zurich	48	37	rn

## WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	48	25	Clr	Erie	53	40	PCldy	Jacksonville	77	58	PCldy	Montgomery	62	40	Cldy	Richmond	61	43	Cldy	Springfield, Ill	48	41	Rain
Abilene, Tex	64	34	Clr	Charleston, S.C.	72	54	PCldy	Eugene	49	37	Rain	Juneau	33	24	Cldy	Nashville	56	40	Rain	Roanoke	58	43	Rain	Springfield, Mo	41	37	Rain
Akron, Ohio	56	38	Cldy	Charleston, W.Va.	65	45	Cldy	Evansville	54	42	Rain	Kansas City	38	35	Rain	New Orleans	61	44	Clr	Rochester	48	29	Clr	Syracuse	51	27	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	50	27	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	64	48	Cldy	Fairbanks	B16	27	Clr	Key West	80	70	PCldy	New York City	55	41	PCldy	Rockford	47	37	Rain	Tallahassee	73	51	Cldy
Albuquerque	56	30	Clr	Chattanooga	59	46	Cldy	Fargo	46	25	Clr	Knoxville	62	48	Cldy	Newark	56	40	PCldy	Sacramento	62	43	Cldy	Tampa	79	62	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	57	33	PCldy	Cheyenne	50	23	Clr	Flagstaff	56	19	Clr	Lake Charles	65	40	Clr	North Va.	62	50	Cldy	St Louis	48	43	Rain	Toledo	54	40	Clr
Amarillo	57	25	Clr	Chicago	47	39	Rain	Flint	52	38	PCldy	Lansing	52	38	PCldy	North Platte	48	15	Clr	St Petersburg	77	64	PCldy	Topeka	39	35	Snow
Anchorage	14	03	Clr	Cincinnati	57	45	Rain	Fort Smith	49	38	Cldy	Las Vegas	64	42	Clr	Oklahoma City	52	33	Cldy	St Thomas	85	76	Cldy	Tucson	73	42	Clr
Asheville	60	47	Cldy	Cleveland	54	42	Cldy	Fort Wayne	53	41	Cldy	Lexington	59	44	Rain	Omaha	41	32	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	51	38	Rain	Tulsa	49	34	Cldy
Atlanta	62	46	Cldy	Colorado Springs	50	21	Clr	Fresno	66	45	Clr	Lincoln	41	31	Cldy	Orlando	81	61	PCldy	Salt Lake City	47	28	Clr	Tupelo	53	38	Cldy
Atlantic City	58	43	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	66	53	Cldy	Goodland	47	22	Clr	Little Rock	52	39	Cldy	Paducah	51	42	Cldy	San Angelo	68	32	Clr	Waco	65	40	Clr
Austin	71	37	Clr	Columbus, Ga.	66	47	Cldy	Grand Junction	46	22	Clr	Los Angeles	75	53	Clr	Pendleton	53	32	Cldy	San Antonio	72	40	Clr	Washington, D.C.	58	42	PCldy
Baltimore	58	41	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	58	43	Cldy	Grand Rapids	52	38	PCldy	Louisville	58	43	Rain	Peoria	46	40	Rain	San Diego	69	52	Clr	W. Palm Beach	81	66	PCldy
Baton Rouge	60	37	Clr	Concord, N.H.	49	21	Clr	Great Falls	57	32	Clr	Lubbock	62	31	Clr	Philadelphia	58	42	PCldy	San Francisco	60	49	Cldy	Wichita	43	34	Cldy
Billings	54	29	Clr	Corpus Christi	74	48	Clr	Green Bay	49	35	PCldy	Macon	70	49	Cldy	Phoenix	76	47	Clr	San Jose	63	45	Cldy	Wichita Falls	61	34	Clr
Birmingham	59	39	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	62	40	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	63	47	Cldy	Madison	46	36	Cldy	Pittsburgh	56	38	Cldy	Santa Fe	53	24	Clr	Wilkes-Barre	54	30	Clr
Bismarck	59	25	Clr	Dayton	56	44	Cldy	Harrisburg	55	36	Clr	Medford	50	35	Rain	Pocatello	42	23	Clr	St Marie	46	29	Clr	Wilmington, Del.	57	38	PCldy
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Burlington, Vt.	44	25	Clr	El Paso	63	36	Clr	Indianapolis	54	43	Rain	Missoula	43	26	PCldy	Rapid City	55	25	Clr	South Bend	51	41	Cldy				
Caribou, Maine	41	24	Clr	Elkins	59	36	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	56	36	Cldy	Mobile	65	40	PCldy	Reno	58	33	Cldy	Spokane	44	30	Rain				

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## Alternative to Sikh turban

I must strongly voice my objection to "Bad decision on Sikh officer" (letter, Oct. 28), about the Army's decision to allow a Sikh officer to wear his hair and turban in accordance with his Sikh faith.

The wear of unshorn hair and traditional headgear by Sikhs is not a matter of discipline, as argued by the author. These practices are key tenets of a religion practiced by more than 20 million people. Requiring Sikhs, who have a long and proud martial tradition, to completely abandon these practices as a blanket precondition to uniformed service is essentially asking Sikhs to choose between serving their country and abandoning their faith. There is a better way that accommodates more Sikhs while maintaining vital operational requirements.

Practicing Sikhs should be allowed to serve in most military occupational specialties if they agree to wear helmets or other military headgear when required. Many Sikh soldiers and aviators in the Indian army and air force currently wear helmets while practicing their faith; to do this, they wear their hair under the helmet with a very thin hair covering called a *patka*, an alternative to the traditional Sikh turban. This is a reasonable religious accommodation that upholds the vital operational requirement for wear of combat helmets and other military headgear.

I hope the Army and Department of Defense will grant more waivers, or consider changing the policy completely for those Sikhs who agree to wear combat headgear when required.

By accommodating religious practices when operationally feasible, we show the true strength and flexibility of our democracy.

Maj. Thomas F. Crumley  
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

## Serving with 'real pilots'

"The War Room" (article, Oct. 28), about the drone pilots and crewmembers having a hard time, is a joke.

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I am in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and I serve with real pilots who fly missions every day with the possibility of not coming back from these missions.

The pilots and crewmembers at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., have nothing to complain about. They get to see their families every night and on the weekends. They get their days off, they get to see the smiles of their children in the morning. The Marines I serve with here have not seen their children or families for more than six months, they are lucky to talk to them on the phone once or twice a week. And these guys have the audacity to complain about how hard it is to see someone die on a video screen?

How about trying it in real life? Now there is a real dose of reality.

And not having lively dinner conversation because your family doesn't have a security clearance? What lunacy is that? I would give anything to sit with my family and talk about nonsensical issues every day.

But go ahead and keep thinking you have it so hard. I am sure everyone will pray for you and your safe return on your 40-min-

ute drive back to your family every day.

Want to see what hard really is? Come over here and get shot at, rocketed, mortared, not get to see your family every day and see how much harder life can get.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Walsh  
Kandahar, Afghanistan

## Grateful for Air Force service

I thank my brothers and sisters in blue for everything they do. I have been on the needing end of close air support and have appreciated the Air Force's effort.

I don't care what the system is that delivers it. I couldn't care less where the pilot is or the support crew. I think these letters in reference to "The War Room" (article, Oct. 28) are tragic on the part of the Army.

I have been to combat four times. I don't like to deploy and I am not upset that the Air Force has figured out a way to prevent that.

I do not have to bring work with me when I come home from deployment, though. I spend a year here, I do the job, and I forget about everything I did as soon as I leave.

However, Air Force Predator pilots and mission support crew don't have that luxury. We ask them to conduct war from the States. We tell them it's a secret, we make them watch the destruction we ask for, then we send them home. They have to transition daily and pretend like nothing bothers them when they get home. I can see how that could stress some folks out.

Imagine being a rifleman in the desert and having a random noncommissioned officer point to a guy by the side of the road and tell you to shoot him. No other information. You don't have to verify bad-guy activity; someone else has already done it. Just shoot.

Think about that before you start telling them what an easy job they have.

I don't find the Army better because we have managed to find a way to make deployments suck for so long. I applaud the Air Force for figuring out how not to burn their force out.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Capozzi  
Mosul, Iraq

## Maximum freedom, funds for legal aid

Washington Post editorial

Capitol Hill will soon face a choice on how to fund the Legal Services Corp., the federally created nonprofit organization that provides legal representation in civil matters to poor people. Rather than coldly calculate the money it will allocate to the group, lawmakers should stop to consider the constituents who rely on these services: the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes, those in need of guidance to secure food stamps.

Tough economic times have led more poor — and newly poor — people to need legal help. The LSC has been grossly underfunded for years, and the amount of

money it gets from private and non-federal government sources has been shrinking. ... Fully funding the LSC and giving it as much flexibility as possible will help to ensure that the needy get help.

The House has approved the greater amount for the LSC — some \$440 million for the current fiscal year. The House also would allow legal aid lawyers to seek payment of fees if they prevail in a civil case. But representatives kept in place restrictions that prevent the group from using federal dollars in matters that deal with abortion or prisoners. Some limits on the use of federal funds may be appropriate, but it's not right for the federal government

also to instruct the group on how it may and spend money it raises elsewhere. ...

The Senate, on the other hand, has approved less money but lifted most restrictions, with the exception of those relating to abortion and prison matters, on how the LSC may use its funds. ... Altogether, the Senate comes closer to unshackling the LSC in how it uses the roughly \$500 million it gets annually from non-federal sources.

Members of the two chambers are expected to meet soon to reconcile their differences. Senators should agree to bump up the dollar amount, and representatives should embrace the less restrictive approach adopted by the Senate.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## OPINION

## Obama's reluctance is evident either way

BY JACKSON DIEHL  
The Washington Post

Three autumns ago, Washington was paralyzed with indecision about what to do about a losing war — in Iraq. A congressionally mandated commission held hearings and weighed options; none of them seemed good. At the White House, President George W. Bush presided over a review that had extended for months as generals and political aides debated whether to escalate or wind down the U.S. commitment. Meanwhile, U.S. soldiers were dying by the scores — and Iraqis by the thousands.

All that time, no one accused Bush of dithering. So why does Barack Obama keep hearing the taunt as he deliberates about Afghanistan — and why do even some who sympathize with his dilemma find it hard to shake the feeling that this commander in chief lacks resolve?

One part of the answer is easy: Bush was renowned for summoning plenty of resolve, and not enough critical thinking. No one questioned that Bush's heart was in his bid for "victory" in Iraq. Not a few wondered whether he had weighed carefully enough whether dispatching 20,000 more American troops in early 2007 was a reasoned strategy or a reckless gamble.

Obama, on the other hand, is known for his rationality. But his personal commitment to the two wars he inherited has not been so obvious. Though he has pursued a responsible course in Iraq, Obama has only rarely acknowledged the growing signs that the war may end with something close to "victory," as Bush described it: a democratically elected Iraqi government that fights terrorism and is a strategic partner of the United States. Instead, Obama talks

about success in terms of the withdrawal of American troops — as he did last week after the Iraqi parliament's breakthrough passage of a liberal election law.

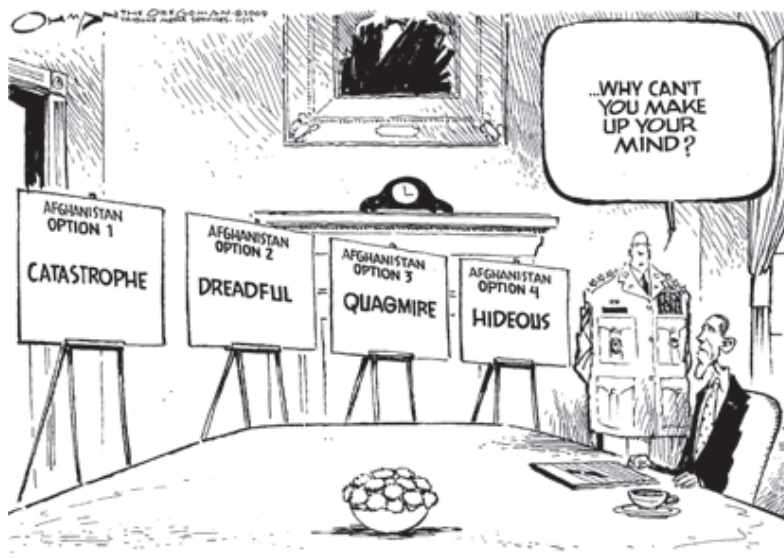
On Afghanistan, Obama's rhetoric has been noticeably wobbly — more so, perhaps, than his actual thinking. In Phoenix on Aug. 17, he famously called the conflict "a war of necessity"; just a month later, in a national television interview, he appeared to question whether American forces needed to be in Afghanistan at all. A couple of weeks after that, he told his

National Security Council that withdrawing from Afghanistan, or even reducing the current U.S. force, was not an option. Yet since then both he and his senior aides have repeatedly talked about Afghan President Hamid Karzai as if he were dispensable. Is it possible to abandon a government

without removing any of the troops that are fighting to keep it in power?

That question brings us to the biggest difference between Obama's Afghanistan review and Bush's on Iraq — and to the most compelling cause for unease about this president. The problem for Bush in 2006 was that there was no clear way forward in Iraq. The Pentagon's top generals were divided between those backing the "surge" and those calling for a pullback. The Iraq Study Group cobbled together a report only by messily splitting its differences. Bush's own Cabinet was divided, as were Republicans in Congress. When he finally chose the "surge," Bush outraged Washington's centrist wisdom, which held that the only sensible course was the opposite.

On Afghanistan, in contrast, there is unanimity in the Pentagon and considerable agreement in Congress and among the NATO allies. The consensus says that Afghanistan cannot be abandoned any-



time soon; that efforts to build up the Afghan army and strengthen both national and local governance must be redoubled; that U.S. forces must aim to ensure security for the Afghan population, at least in the country's biggest cities. Almost everyone agrees that accomplishing all those aims will require at least some additional American and NATO troops. Though there are debates over the details of tactics and implementation, the main remaining difference is over the numbers: Should it be 10,000 or 30,000 or 40,000 more?

Obama's prolonged deliberation would be understandable if he were choosing between escalating or ending the war, as Bush was. Yet he narrowed his options many weeks ago — and still has been unable to come to closure. Last Thursday the president was presented with various rein-

forcement options; rather than decide, he reportedly asked for another study about when and how fighting could be turned over to the Afghan army.

Another week or two of thinking won't hurt. But the impression that gets created is of a president who knows what course he must take — one of expanding American involvement in a difficult and increasingly unpopular war — but can't bring himself to embrace it. It's an image that risks undermining any commitment Obama eventually makes. In the end, it's not enough for a president to be seen as having thought through a decision to send more troops to war. Enemies, allies and the country also need to be convinced that he believes in it.

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## The wrong assurances on Khalid Sheikh Mohammed

Chicago Tribune editorial

On Thursday, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that five men accused of roles in the Sept. 11 attacks, including alleged mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, will be moved from Guantanamo Bay to New York for trial in federal court. "For over 200 years, our nation has relied upon a faithful adherence to the rule of law," he said. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., lauded the decision he said would "demonstrate to the world that the most powerful nation on Earth also trusts its judicial system, a system respected around the world."

It all sounds perfect for a Law Day speech. But whom do they think they're kidding?

The fundamental tenet of our criminal justice system is that a defendant is innocent until proved guilty. Along with his confederates, Mohammed will be given the opportunity to defend himself against the charges, and a jury will decide whether the facts warrant a conviction. But it is hard to believe any jury would acquit him or that, if it did, the government would free him.

President Barack Obama seems to take the outcome for granted. "I am absolutely convinced that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed will be subject to the most exacting demands of justice," he said. Northwestern University law professor Ronald Allen notes, "That's the equivalent of saying,

'We'll give him a fair trial and then hang him.'"

Republicans in Congress howled at the idea of allowing even the possibility of acquittals. Their concern seems unfounded.

The Justice Department makes it clear that the defendants should not expect ever to draw another free breath. A spokesman says Holder "would not have authorized the prosecution of these cases unless he was confident that the outcome would be a successful one." And if it isn't? "There are a range of options available in the event of acquittal, and we intend to use all lawful and appropriate means to protect the

American people."

In other words, the accused will be locked up if they are convicted and they will be locked up if they are not. A law enacted earlier this year bars any Guantanamo inmates from being released into the United States. About the best they can hope for, according to the Justice Department, is to be remanded to a home country or other nation. But it's hard to imagine the president shipping Mohammed back to Pakistan without a guarantee of his permanent imprisonment.

This approach has a legitimate basis, because it would be irresponsible in time of

war for the government to free individuals who it believes have participated in attacks on the American people. But why not just acknowledge that simple truth? The honest approach would be to announce that dangerous defendants such as these will be held indefinitely as prisoners of war under the rules established by international law.

The only plausible purpose of handing the defendants over to the federal courts is to make the point that we are committed to the rule of law no matter what. But given the terms, neither the world nor the American public is likely to be convinced.

## Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

## Ellis Island museum visitors evacuated

**NY** NEW YORK — A white powder that was found at Ellis Island and caused a brief evacuation at the immigration landmark in New York Harbor has been deemed harmless.

Jersey City, N.J., fire official Armando Roman said a hazardous-materials team responded to a call about the powder at the island's immigration museum. The museum was evacuated for about 90 minutes, but visitors didn't have to leave the island.

Spokespeople for the National Park Service haven't returned phone calls seeking comment.

The director of Jersey City's Fire and Emergency Services Department said it hasn't been determined what the powder is.

## 1 killed in plane crash in Los Angeles suburb

**CA** SAN GABRIEL — One person was killed when a small plane crashed in the heavily populated suburb of San Gabriel northeast of Los Angeles.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza crashed and caught fire, killing the only person on board.

The plane departed from Brackett Field in La Verne about 25 miles east of the crash site and was on a short flight to Van Nuys.

There are no reports of injuries to anyone on the ground and no immediate word of what caused the crash.

## Texas woman indicted in son's hot-car death

**TX** FORT WORTH — Prosecutors said a woman already accused in the hot-car death of her 17-month-old son while she was at work has been indicted on a felony murder charge.

Assistant district attorney Kimberly D'avignon said a Tarrant County grand jury indicted Keashia Dyon Matthews, 37, of Arlington in the death of Darrell Singleton III.

D'avignon said Matthews could face a term of up to life in prison if convicted on the murder charge.

Authorities said Matthews remains free on a \$13,000 bond.

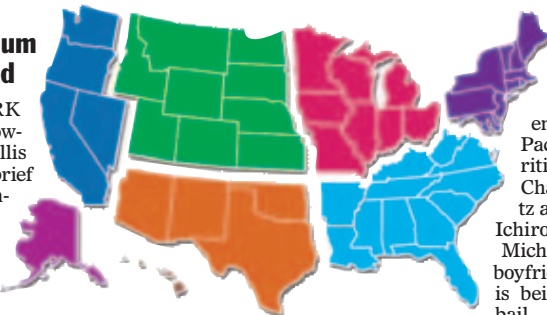
## 75 volunteers to help Army oust animals

**HI** HONOLULU — The Army plans to drive 1,500 wild goats and sheep out of parts of Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

The goat and sheep drive is designed to remove the two invasive species from areas that are home to endangered native plants. More than 75 volunteer paniolo, or Hawaiian cowboys, are participating in the effort.

The Army is organizing the drive to comply with a 2003 order from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agency said sport hunting of sheep and goats alone hasn't been enough to remove the animals that are threatening native plants. The Army will install fences around



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the cleared areas afterward.

Bird hunting will still be allowed inside the fencing, while other hunting will be allowed outside.

## Treasury, bondholders at odds over old claims

**MT** HELENA — Holders of lost savings bonds dating back to World War II say it's not nearly as easy to track down the lost money as the U.S. Treasury Department claims in an ongoing lawsuit.

The Bureau of the Public Debt counters that its process aims to make sure that only the legal owners of the old bonds are able to redeem them. Demanding requirements — which can include the Social Security number of long-dead original purchasers for a gift bond — are in place to make sure the money ends up in the right place, the agency said.

More than \$16 billion worth of the bonds are unclaimed.

The federal government maintains the money isn't really lost.

"It is not unclaimed property," said Joyce Harris, with the Bureau of the Public Debt. "It is unredeemed in our minds."

## Wash. man charged with murder of dog trainer

**WA** SEATTLE — Skagit County, Wash., prosecutors filed first-degree murder charges against a Kennewick,

Wash., man accused of killing T. Mark Stover, a charismatic dog trainer whose clients included a host of Pacific Northwest celebrities including Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz and Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki.

Michiel Glen Oakes, 41, the boyfriend of Stover's ex-wife, is being held on \$5 million bail.

Stover's body remains missing.

According to court documents filed in Skagit County Superior Court, Oakes had purchased three ankle weights, anchor line, a backpack, shin guards and camouflage clothes the day Stover disappeared.

He met with his ex-wife later and told her that a big and "dangerous" mission had turned into a "job gone bad," court documents allege.

Oakes also told his ex-wife, according to court documents, that he would go to prison for the rest of his life if police saw what was in his car.

## 26,000-mile mission yields image of night sky

**MI** MOUNT PLEASANT — A Michigan scientist has finished a two-year, 26,000-mile mission to assemble a panoramic photo image of the night sky.

Central Michigan University physicist Axel Mellinger pieced together 3,000 individual photographs to create the image of the night sky, with the Milky Way galaxy at the center.

University spokeswoman Tracy Burton said the spread of artificial lighting forced Mellinger to trek to remote areas to find the right spots to shoot.

They included South Africa, Texas and the Huron-Manistee National Forest in Michigan.

## Dad, son on hunting trip die in N.J. plane crash

**NJ** WOODBINE — A small plane has crashed in southern New Jersey, killing a father and son headed to Indiana for a hunting trip.

The single-engine A200 Piper plane went down shortly after taking off from Woodbine Municipal Airport in Cape May County, about 20 miles southwest of Atlantic City.

The crash killed the pilot Thaddeus Lazowski, 35, and his son, 12, also named Thaddeus. No injuries have been reported on the ground.

The plane was registered to the dad.

## Milwaukee's hero mayor to run for governor

**WI** MADISON — Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, who was hailed as a hero this summer for confronting a metal-bar wielding man, is running for governor.

He said he deferred his decision until he was sufficiently recovered from the attack that left him with head and hand injuries.

His decision was a relief for the Democratic Party after incumbent Gov. Jim Doyle decided not to seek a third term.

Barrett, 55, said he'll build his campaign around the issues of jobs, education and the economy.



Peek-a-boo

A kitten explores a cat tunnel during a kitten kindergarten class at the Houston SPCA.



Fanfare for a return

Oasis of the Seas, the world's largest cruise ship, arrives with a flotilla at her homeport of Port Everglades, Fla.



Taking a bite out of chrome

During a magazine photo shoot on a horse farm in Maysville, Ky., a horse takes a bite out of an SUV car hood.



Birth of a snowball

Joe Coburn, 9, squeezes the freshly fallen snow after school in Crested Butte, Colo.



The world at her feet

Sheena Stogsdill banks her glider in the skies over the Ironwood Forest National Monument west of Marana, Ariz. The El Tiro Gliderport is the home to the Tucson Soaring Club housing some 30 gliders and the homeport for more than 100 members.



Carrying Christmas

Juan Martinez of Portland, Ore., carries a Noble Fir Christmas tree to be shipped to Mexico from Cory Miller's farm in Eagle Creek, Ore.



Giving it one last shot

Firefighters battle an already blazing fire near Marshalls Creek, Pa.

Smuggler gets 14 years for human cargo deaths

**TX** HOUSTON — A Texas man was sentenced to more than 14 years in prison for his role in what became the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

Abelardo Flores was part of a smuggling ring that packed more than 70 illegal immigrants into the back of a stifling tractor-trailer in May 2003 and tried to transport them from southern Texas to Houston, prosecutors said.

The immigrants, from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic, were found after the driver, whom Flores had recruited, abandoned the trailer at a truck stop in Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Seventeen people were found dead in the trailer, and two others died later, all of dehydration, overheating and suffocation.

Baker's slip responsible for blade found in muffin

**WA** SEATTLE — The owner of a bakery in Seattle said that a razor blade found in a muffin bought at a QFC store in Mountlake Terrace, Wash., got there by accident when one of her workers dropped the blade in a vat of batter.

Molly Wilmot, owner of Mostly Muffins, said a longtime employee was using the blade to open bags and boxes when it fell into a giant mixing bowl. He lost it in the batter and was afraid to tell his manager.

The employee has been suspended until the company completes an internal investigation.

The incident came to light after Mountlake Terrace resident broke apart an almond-poppyseed muffin she bought at the grocery store and found a lump baked into it. When it turned out to be a razor blade, Hutchison returned the four-pack of muffins to the store.

Police: Man stunned with Taser twice, dies

**NY** CORAM — Police said a man who had locked himself and his mother in her Long Island home died after he tussled with officers and was zapped twice with a stun gun.

Police said Darryl Bain's brother called 911 alleging Bain, 43, was high on cocaine and had shut himself in the house with their 78-year-old mother, who had an order of protection.

Police said three officers heard a struggle inside and entered the house and fought with Bain, who was temporarily stunned after being shot with a Taser.

Police tell the Newsday newspaper he continued to struggle as they handcuffed him and he was Tasered again before dying.

Parents, infants sharing beds may be fatal move

**TX** AUSTIN — More than 160 Texas infants die each year while sleeping in bed with family members, state statistics show, and officials are starting a campaign to warn parents of the dangers.

Deaths of babies in shared beds are a persistent problem rooted in cultural beliefs about the bonding and health benefits of such an arrangement, pediatricians and law

enforcement personnel say. There were 167 deaths from accidental suffocation or strangulation, or without a clear explanation, while babies shared beds during the budget year that ended on Aug. 31, according to Child Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services. In the previous state fiscal year, there were 165. Last month, there were 20.

Convict who threatened ex-wife found dead

**HI** LIHUE — Court records show several people reported receiving death threats from a Kauai man found dead after getting out of prison.

Daniel Bonannos' ex-wife, her new fiancé and her mother all sought restraining orders against him in 2007.

They said he threatened them by phone and in writing, promising revenge once he was released from prison on Oahu.

Bonanno was released from the Halawa Correctional Facility after serving five years for theft.

The 47-year-old was discovered dead in a pickup truck near the top of Kuamoo Road in Wailua Homesteads. Police said they have started a homicide investigation.

Governor prefers profits to polar bear protection

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell said he has the best interest of polar bears at heart, but he doesn't intend to let the federal government's expanded protection for bears halt the state's continued prosperity.

The governor is suing the federal government to overturn the listing of the iconic symbol of the Arctic as a threatened species, a move made last year that he believes could threaten Alaska's lifeblood: petroleum development.

As Alaska North Slope wells dry up, the state is turning to potential offshore discoveries to refill the trans-Alaska pipeline and ensure the long-term prospects of a \$26 billion proposed natural gas pipeline. Protections for polar bears under the Endangered Species Act could thwart that, Parnell said, adding that they're not needed.

Busy beavers destroying county drainage system

**TX** ORANGE — They come out at night, baring their big teeth and disappear before the sun comes out. Humans find their work and must set out to destroy it.

Busy beavers are creating a problem for the Orange County Drainage District.

"They'll block all the way across" a ditch, gully or narrow bayou, said Mark Stephenson, general manager of the district.

Michael Hoke, executive director of Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, said beavers feel safe in a pond, so if they hear the trickling of water, they'll build a dam across to make a pond.

"You can take a tape recorder of running water and place it near beaver. They'll dam up the tape recorder," he said.

"We work during the day and they work during the night," Stephenson said. "It's almost like a losing battle."

# Horoscope

The Sagittarius moon agrees with Mercury, newly stationed in Sagittarius, as well. They both urge us to go somewhere. Anywhere you've never been will do. Our minds need opening, and our lives need a thrill. There's nothing like the excitement of the unknown to add fuel to our fire — or, in many cases, start the fire in the first place.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 18).** You know what you want! You are strong and assertive and will, on many occasions, need to temper your zeal in order to gain the trust and cooperation of those around you. By blending empathy with your leadership skills you will gain the loyalty of your colleagues, friends and family. Wedding bells ring in June. Aquarius and Libra people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** If you can't seem to stick to the "program," then don't fight it. Let yourself stray into your own little world. Your imagination will take you to magical places perfectly catered to you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Quiet and calm is your style now, and keeping your environment hushed will be essential to your productivity. If you can't control the various elements around you, go where they'll be controlled for you — maybe the library.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll make connections, just like you always do. What's remarkable is how immediately useful these ties will be. It seems that your prayers have been answered in the form of social opportunities.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The lengths some people will go to look respectable — take it as a tip-off. Those who try too hard are compensating for something. For business and pleasure, seek those with quiet, unassuming confidence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll be successful when you follow your nature. So don't try to straighten your

curly hair or be modest when you want to show off. Act on your impulses. Be free as a child.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You've heard it said a million times that money can't buy happiness. Most of the things you want to buy today will only be a pain to maintain, insure and store. Consider renting.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When you make a promise, you don't rest until you deliver upon it. Use this fact to keep yourself in line with your own goals. Take the thing you want and promise someone else you'll make it happen.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You are growing your skill set. There is a task that you want to master, but it hasn't been easy for you to do so. If you can't do it right, do it often. Eventually you'll get it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You've been fighting for your work. It would be a shame to turn a temporary defeat into a permanent loss. Use today's respite to regroup. You have "weapons" you haven't thought to bring out yet.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You may have been up late last night. Either that, or your dreams were so engaging that they actually took a lot out of you. If you have trouble getting motivated this morning, lay low and wait for your second wind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Even if you can't eliminate the problem at its source, develop a few coping mechanisms to make the best of it. Look away from the computer regularly, indulge in a little celebrity gossip...

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Somehow you manage to put other people's interests before your own without selling yourself short or making yourself small. You just love people, and serving others is as natural to you as breathing air.

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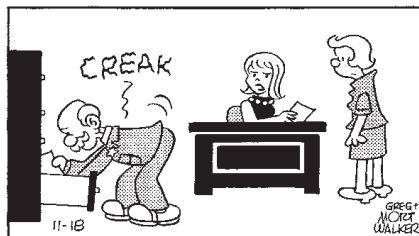
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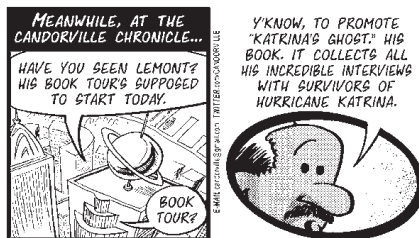
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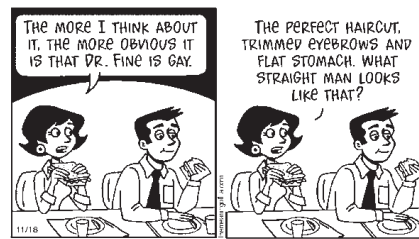
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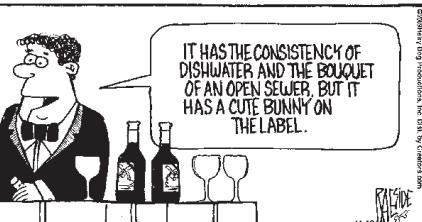
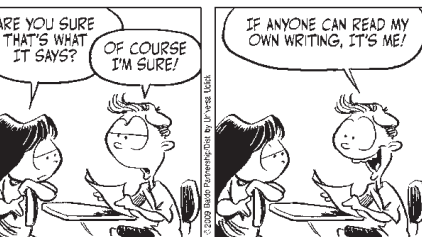
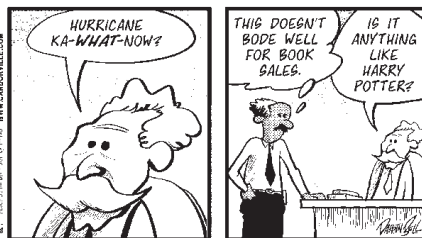
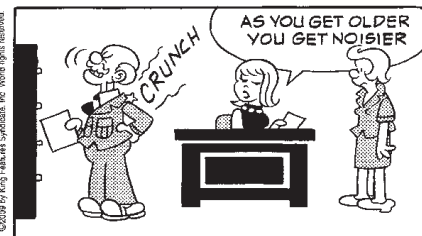
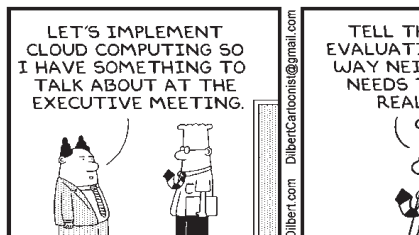
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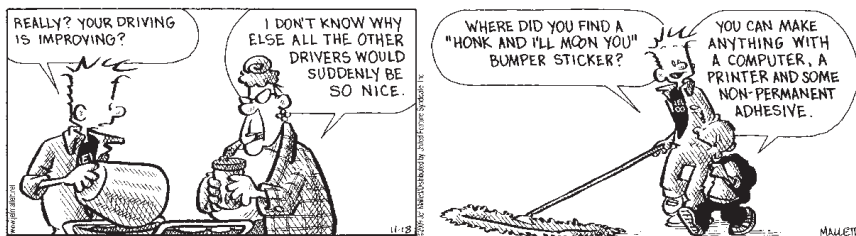
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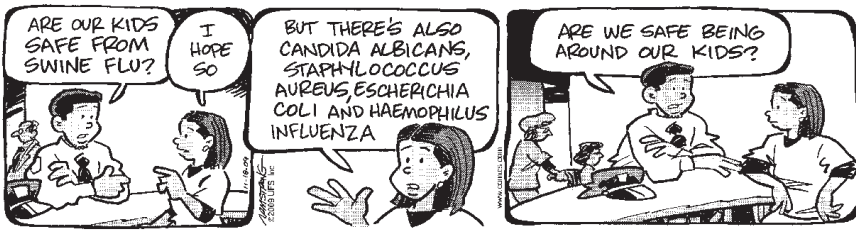
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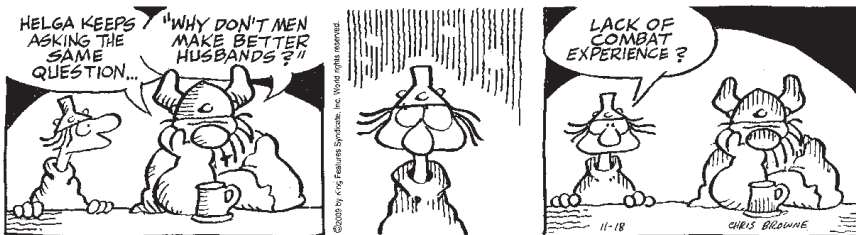
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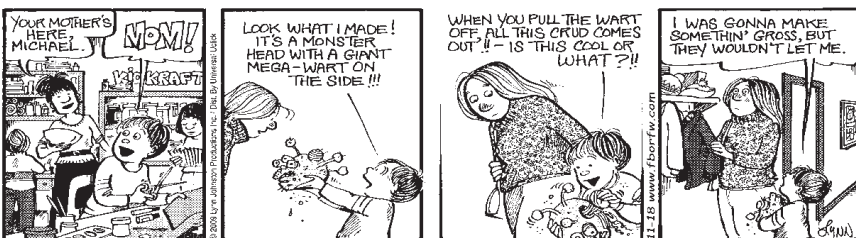
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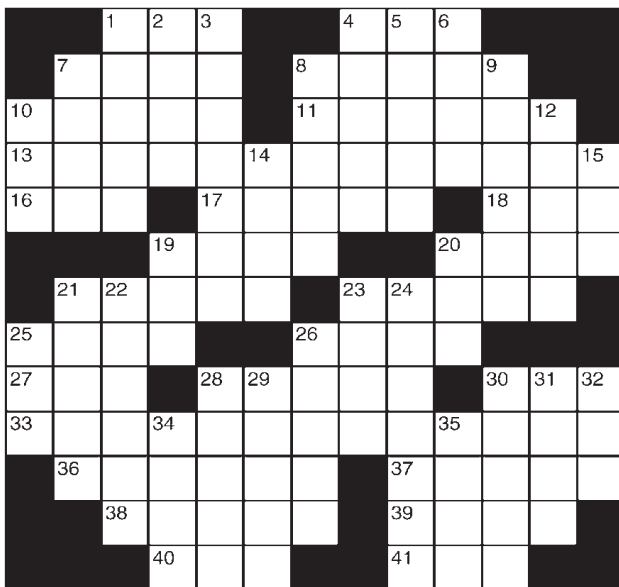
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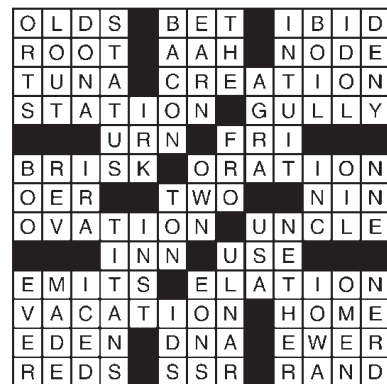
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- 18 "— Got a Secret"
- 19 Gossip
- 20 Platoon, for example
- 21 Set (down) suddenly
- 23 Made on a loom
- 25 Hodgepodge
- 26 Picks up the check
- 27 Bleachers occupant
- 28 Tale-tellers
- 30 — constrictor
- 33 Irregular impulsive moves
- 36 Sawbuck
- 37 Gear up
- 38 Money

## DOWN

- 39 Baseball scores
- 40 Obtain
- 41 Perched
- 14 Dealer's foe (Var.)
- 15 Collection
- 19 Singing partners
- 20 Skin-damaging rays, for short
- 21 Braid
- 22 Doorframe top
- 23 "Star —"
- 24 Seafood appetizers
- 25 Vacationing
- 26 Chaplain
- 28 Jousting need
- 29 Not moving
- 30 Principal force
- 31 Elevator name
- 32 Cleo's slayer
- 34 Like a bug in a rug
- 35 Blue hue

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 11-18

## CRYPTOQUIP

WD OTNOMT GWUQNCTF SJ  
TDDTQYWCT PTYZNG DNF  
FTGAQWJX UPNX, W'G QSM

YZSY S ONMMAYWNJ UNMAYWNJ.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AN ELEPHANT DRIVING A HEAVY RIG MUST NEED TO TAKE A BREAK. MAYBE IT'LL PULL INTO A TRUNK STOP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

# Don't make letter-writing a chore

**Dear Abby:** Please don't think I'm stupid for asking this, but I need some help. The practice of letter-writing appears to be a dying form because of e-mail and texting — which I'm good at. But when I receive a nice gift, I know the proper way to acknowledge it is to write a thank-you letter.

Can you please tell me how to do one that doesn't come across as awkward? Christmas is coming and this is hard for me. When I try to get my thoughts down on paper, I am ...

—Stuck!  
**Dear Stuck!** There's no such thing as a "stupid" question, and your problem is one that is shared by many. A thank-you letter doesn't have to be long and flowery. In fact, short and to-the-point can be more effective.

I have found that keeping a notepad handy when I open a gift

and jotting down the first thought that comes into my head when I open the package is helpful. (Hint: Is it soft? Cuddly? Tasty? Something you had wanted but had not been able to find? Clever? If the answer is yes, then write it down.)

And by the way, Christmas isn't the only gift-giving occasion when a thank-you letter is called for. There are also weddings, anniversaries, graduations. My booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions" offers samples that can be adapted and personalized.

**Dear Abby:** When my husband and I married two years ago, we both wanted children. I am having second thoughts now. We recently discovered that there's a genetic disorder on one side of the family, and it scares me to think we may not have a healthy child.

Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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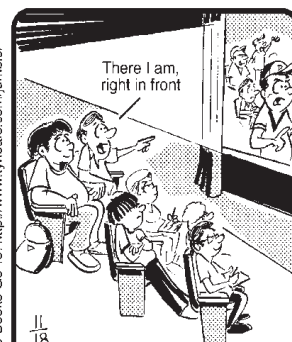
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIANO KNELL MAGNUM FARINA  
Answer: Important to have when you go hunting — A "GAME" PLAN

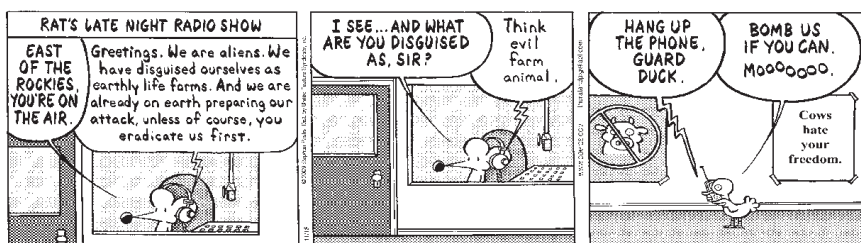
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE FILM STUDENT RECEIVED WHEN HE APPEARED IN THE MOVIE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pearls Before Swine



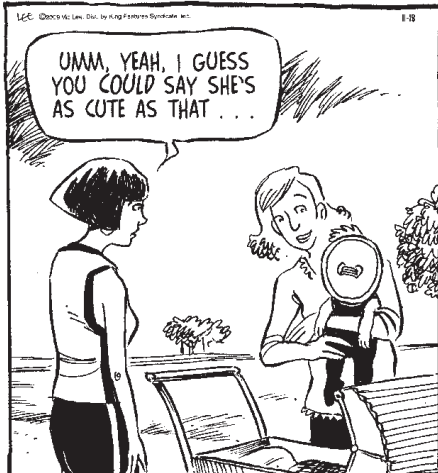
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Over The Hedge



Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



## Speed Bump



# AFN Television Schedule

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(10:10) Movie "She's the One" (1996, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Maxine Bahns, Edward Burns.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design Remix	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				EXchange on Air	Curb Appeal		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Top Gear	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Today's Air Force	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	At the Movies	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	True Jackson, VP	Movie "Into the Storm" (2009, Docudrama)	The O'Reilly Factor	NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip"	Week-Pentagon	Dancing With the Stars		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30		Naturally, Sadie				FNG Useful benefits.			
20:00	Access Hollywood	Kyle XY The Tragers try to cure Kyle's insomnia.	Brendan Gleeson, Janet McTeer, Len Cariou.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game	Briefing Encore			
20:30	The King of Queens				"Til Death "Dreamguys"	Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Take Back the Night"	(8:55) Movie "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah. A terminally ill woman lives it up on vacation.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Castle "Flowers for Your Grave"		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
21:30						Recon Revisited			Bully Beatdown
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Ticket"		SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Monkey Business Deux" (Part 2 of 2)	Movie "Batman & Robin" (1997) George Clooney	America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30						USARJ This Week	The Colbert Report		

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	True Jackson, VP	(11:00) Movie "Batman & Robin" (1997) George Clooney	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	The Grill Sergeants	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Naturally, Sadie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Kyle XY The Tragers try to cure Kyle's insomnia.	(15:15) Movie "Family of Cops II" (1997) Charles Bronson. Milwaukee police chief and sons probe priest's murder.	MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	This Week in the Pentagon	Top Chef		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	House The team takes on the case of a sleepwalking patient.	Recon	Supernatural "Nightmare"		Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Take Back the Night"				Around the Services			The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report								Family Guy
3:00	NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip"	Degrassi: Next Generation	Movie "Into the Storm" (2009) Brendan Gleeson. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill fights Nazi aggression.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Close to Home		WWE Monday Night Raw
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Today's Air Force			
4:00	The Game	7th Heaven "Monkey Business Deux" (Part 2 of 2)		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Ticket"	Sports	
4:30	"Til Death "Dreamguys"					State Dept Briefing	Friends		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	(4:55) Movie "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu. A terminally ill woman lives it up on vacation.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	Bully Beatdown
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	Army Newswatch	Giada at Home	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien					This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Jim Rome Is Burning	
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	E! News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	Attack of the Show!
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs	At the Movies			Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies	Around the Services	Sesame Street	Briefing Encore	ER "Out on a Limb"	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News		FNG Useful benefits.			
9:00		The Backyardigans	Movie "Perfect Body" (1997, Drama) Amy Jo Johnson, Wendie Malick.	World News-Gibson	The View	Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives "Mother Said"	Sports	Sports
9:30	Judge Judy	Curious George		CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
10:00	House The team takes on the case of a sleepwalking patient.	Peep-Big World	(4:45) Movie "As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Grey's Anatomy "Piece of My Heart"		
10:30		Super Why!				State Dept Briefing			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	Curious George		Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Fit For Duty	Judge Judy		
11:30		The Backyardigans				AFN Europe Report	Judge Alex		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Ni Hao, Kai-lan		Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	Recon	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Sports
12:30		Dora the Explorer			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty			
13:00	CBS Evening News	Raggs	(15:15) Movie "America's Sweethearts" (2001) Julia Roberts. A publicist tries to cover up a feud between movie stars.	Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground	Challenge		
13:30	ESPNEWS	Bear in the Big Blue House		Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Around the Services			
14:00	Prime News Tonight	Sesame Street				Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30						Downrange			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(10:10) Movie "Titan A.E." (2000) Voices of Matt Damon, Bill Pullman. Animated. Teens seek a ship that may save mankind.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Recon	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Alaska Special Testing Alaskan anecdotes.	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	(5:05) The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Deep Throats"
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	The Suite Life on Deck	Movie "Dreamgirls" (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy. Three singers learn that fame has a high price.	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad "Chimdale"	Ft. Hood on Track	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30		Zoey 101			Family Guy "Family Guy"	Today's Air Force			
20:00	Access Hollywood	American Dreams "Life's Illusions"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Hawthorne "Yielding"	Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville "The Belles Bond"		Gotti's Way
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			Harlem Heights
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Radar Love"	(25:25) Movie "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) Kate Beckinsale. Vampire warrior Selene seeks revenge for her betrayal.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Mentalist "Pilot"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
21:30						Air Force Football			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Wallet"		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "The Enemy Within"		America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30			(25:25) Movie The Godfather			This Week in the Pentagon	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Suite Life on Deck	(11:25) Movie "The Godfather" (1972, Crime Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. Mafia boss Vito Corleone and his sons.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams "Life's Illusions"		MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Lipstick Jungle "Pilot"		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	House "The Itch"	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Radar Love"	(3:35) Movie "Dreamgirls" (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy. Three singers learn that fame has a high price.			Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "Imaginary Friends and Enemies"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy "Deep Throats"
3:00	American Dad "Chimdale"	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych "Dis-Lodged"		The Ultimate Fighter
3:30	Family Guy "Family Guy"	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "Yielding"	7th Heaven "The Enemy Within"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Wallet"	Sports	Gotti's Way
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		Harlem Heights
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	Movie "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) Kate Beckinsale.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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## NASCAR SPRINT CUP: CHASE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

# Johnson cruising into finale after victory

## Driver needs just 25th place to win record fourth title

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmie Johnson won't plan any parties this week, or waste a minute pondering his place in NASCAR history.

Instead, he'll spend this next week mentally running laps around Homestead-Miami Speedway. Johnson's win at Phoenix International Raceway on Sunday moved him one step closer to a record fourth consecutive championship, which can be wrapped up with a mediocre run in the finale.

"I'm not one to let my mind wander and think about the possibilities — I've always known I've got to go out and race the race, get it done," he said. "When I go home, I'm going to be (mentally) driving laps, what I think I need to do in qualifying trim so I can put my best effort in on Friday. Same thing for race practice on Saturday, and go racing Sunday."

Johnson cruised to a dominating win at Phoenix, leading 238 of the 312 laps en route to his fourth victory in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. It widened his lead in the standings to 108 points over Hendrick Motorsports teammate Mark Martin, and Johnson needs only to finish 25th or better at Homestead to wrap up the title.

The strong showing came a week after a fluke accident at Texas chopped a chunk of points off Johnson's lead, and the rebound was considered something of a "statement."

"I guess in the end it could be looked at like that," Johnson acknowledged. "It was, 'Hey, guys, you know, we need to step up and get it done ... we need to show what we're made of, we need to get this done.' I'm very proud of the fact we looked each other in the eyes, knew what we had to do, and delivered."

Johnson was wrecked on the third lap at Texas, and sat inside his disabled race car



Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz., on Sunday. Johnson needs only to finish 25th or better next week to win a record fourth straight NASCAR championship.

MARY SCHWALM/AP

as his crew did a total rebuild of the Chevrolet. He limped to a 38th-place finish that sliced his lead in the standings to just 73 points over Martin.

Martin, who won at Phoenix in April, delivered a fourth-place finish Sunday — not enough to keep pace with Johnson.

"We gave it everything we had," Martin said.

It's technically not over: Martin has gained 108 points on Johnson nine times in 265 races, including last weekend at Texas. He did it once at Homestead, in 2005. But Martin is not counting on catching Johnson this year, and the sentimental favorite for the championship will likely finish second in the final standings for a fifth time.

He's the only driver still in mathematical contention to catch Johnson. Fellow Hendrick driver Jeff Gordon will be eliminated as soon as Johnson starts next week, and Johnson's win at Phoenix knocked everyone else out of the running.

Despite the harsh reality of his position, Martin is refusing to concede to Johnson

and said he won't let up next week in Homestead as he tries to at least stave off Gordon for second in the final standings. But should Johnson coast to the win, Martin will be fine.

"We've still got to go to Homestead and run like this again, because we still have heat behind us, Jeff Gordon, especially," Martin said. "I definitely have been beat by the best — Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt. It wouldn't embarrass me if it was Jimmie Johnson as well."

Jeff Burton finished second and was followed by Denny Hamlin, Martin and pole-sitter Martin Truex Jr.

Kurt Busch, winner last week at Texas, finished sixth. Clint Bowyer was seventh, followed by Juan Pablo Montoya, Gordon, and David Reutimann.

Nobody was surprised to see Johnson in Victory Lane, particularly since he'd had such a rare race the week before.

"Anytime that Jimmie is down is not usually because of performance, it's usually because of an incident like last week,"

Hamlin said. "There was no doubt in my mind they were going to come this week and make a statement."

"Obviously leading all the laps pretty much and winning the race sends a statement out there that he is the best, that they're not going to be denied this year."

Johnson, though, was reluctant to start any celebration after his win. Although his Hendrick team initially reacted as if the title had been locked up, the No. 48 crew quickly settled down in Victory Lane.

He admitted the win at Phoenix gave him a small sense of relief after "the carpet was jerked out from underneath our feet" at Texas, but it also provided a valuable lesson of not looking too far ahead. Johnson promised to remain focused this entire week and not get too far ahead of himself in thinking about his impending trip into the record books.

"Texas was such a good lesson," he said.

"And I hope that the points we lost in Texas isn't what keeps us from winning this championship."

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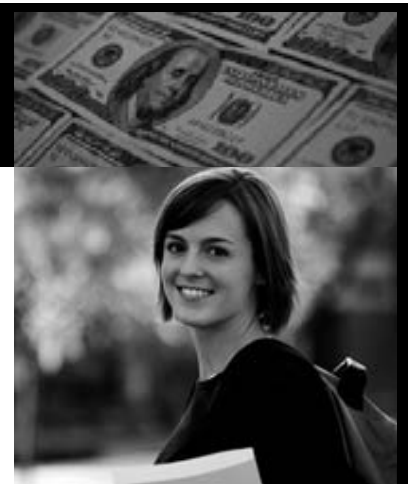
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## Sports on AFN

**Tuesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Charlotte at Orlando (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: Baltimore at Cleveland (dld).

**Wednesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Baltimore at Cleveland (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.**—College basketball: Temple at Georgetown.  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—College basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off, regional final, teams TBD.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—NHL: Washington at N.Y. Rangers.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—College basketball: Arkansas vs. Louisville (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, noon**—College basketball: Memphis vs. Kansas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Detroit at L.A. Lakers.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—College basketball: Arkansas vs. Louisville (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—College basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off, regional final, teams TBD (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 1, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 4, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: Golden State at Cleveland (dld, 2-hour cutdown).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NBA: Cleveland at Washington.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—College football: Central Michigan at Ball State.  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—NBA: San Antonio at Denver.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—NHL: Philadelphia at Los Angeles (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—Soccer: U.S. men at Denmark (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 3, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 4, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

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**Pro soccer**

**MLS playoffs**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE Semifinals**  
**Columbus vs. Real Salt Lake**  
Real Salt Lake 1, Columbus 0  
Columbus 2, Real Salt Lake 3, Real Salt Lake advances on 4-2 aggregate  
**Chicago vs. New England**  
New England 2, Chicago 1  
Chicago 2, New England 0, Chicago advances on 3-2 aggregate  
**Championship**  
**Real Salt Lake vs. Chicago**  
Chicago 0, Real Salt Lake 0, Real Salt Lake advances on penalty kicks 5-4  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE Semifinals**  
**Los Angeles vs. Chivas USA**  
Chivas USA 2, Los Angeles 2, tie  
Los Angeles 1, Chivas USA 0, Los Angeles advances on 3-2 aggregate  
**Houston vs. Seattle**  
Seattle 0, Houston 0, tie  
Houston 1, Seattle 0, OT, Houston advances on 1-0 aggregate  
**Championship**  
**Houston vs. Los Angeles**  
Los Angeles 2, Houston 0, OT  
**MLS CUP at Seattle**  
**Sunday:** Los Angeles vs. Real Salt Lake

## Deals

**Sunday's transactions**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS**—Signed P Reggie Hodges.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Recalled LW Bryan Bickell from Rockford (AHL).  
**SOCCER**  
**FIFA**—Banned Argentina coach Diego Maradona from all soccer activities for two months for his explosive-filled rants aimed at journalists after his team qualified for the World Cup.

**SAN JOSE STATE**—Announced the retirement of football coach Dick Tomey after the season.  
**TEXAS**—Suspended freshman KR D.J. Monroe indefinitely after being arrested on a drunken driving charge.

**AP spotlight**  
**Nov. 18**  
1978 — Vanderbilt's Frank Mordica rushes for 321 yards and five touchdowns in a 41-27 victory over Air Force. Mordica scores on runs of 48, 30, 6, 70 and 73 yards.

## College basketball

**Sunday's men's scores**  
**EAST**  
Bentley 76, Post, Conn. 66  
Bucknell 59, Bryant 56  
Cabrini 79, Drew 47  
Catholic 70, St. Vincent 58  
Defiance 79, Kalamazoo 62  
Fairfield 63, Fordham 55  
Harvard 87, William & Mary 85, 30T  
Lake Erie 86, Ohio Valley 83, 30T  
LeMoyne 63, Caldwell 48  
Lebanon Valley 87, Moravian 53  
Manhattanville 73, Elizabethtown 63  
Mansfield 83, Bowie St. 73  
Molloy 70, New Haven 67  
Morgan St. 72, UMBG 57  
NYU 83, Stevens Tech 59  
Oberlin 85, Mount Aloysius 77  
Providence 75, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55  
Queens, N.Y. 77, Stonehill 72, OT  
Rhode Island 60, 62, Springfield 59  
Sacred Heart 81, Lafayette 72  
Seton Hall 87, Monmouth, N.J. 72  
St. Anselm 95, Holy Family 78  
Vermont 58, Buffalo 57  
West Virginia 83, Loyola, Md. 60

**SOUTH**  
Augusta St. 79, West Georgia 57  
Bridgewater, Va. 72, Susquehanna 49  
Catawba 82, Livingstone 78  
Florida 74, Stetson 46  
George Mason 60, Dartmouth 44  
George Washington 76, UNC Wilmington 71  
Louisiana-Monroe 82, Alcorn St. 66  
Marshall 79, N. Carolina A&T 63  
Maryville, Tenn. 94, Methodist 52  
N.Y. Tech 78, Dist. of Columbia 73, OT  
Navy 79, Longwood 76  
North Carolina 88, Valparaiso 77  
Old Dominion 69, Bethune-Cookman 38  
Randolph-Macon 63, Marymount, Va. 51  
Roanoke 73, Christopher Newport 72  
South Alabama 70, Sacramento St. 58  
UAB 55, Samford 52  
UC Davis 99, Winston-Salem 79  
Virginia Tech 69, Brown 55  
Wake Forest 89, East Carolina 58  
Wright St. 82, Belmont 73

**MIDWEST**  
Albion 57, Wooster 55  
Augustana, S.D. 82, Jamestown 61  
Austin Peay 80, Akron 77  
Boise St. 75, North Dakota 60  
Bradley 74, Idaho St. 69  
Buena Vista 62, Wayne, Neb. 61  
Carthage 76, Transylvania 54  
Concordia, Wis. 86, Wis.-Parkside 81, OT  
Detroit 86, W. Michigan 80  
Elmhurst 79, Hamline 70  
Grand Valley St. 57, N. Kentucky 54  
Illinois St. 82, SIU-Edwardsville 60  
Iowa St. 72, Chicago St. 50  
John Carroll 90, Olivet 83  
Kansas St. 82, W. Illinois 50  
Lake Forest 77, Lakeland 62  
Marian, Wis. 78, Beloit 57  
Minn. Duluth 70, Michigan Tech 68  
Minn. St., Mankato 90, Monmouth, Ill. 57  
Minn. St., Moorhead 74, Mary 67  
Mount St. Joseph 84, Hiram 72  
Ohio 81, Middle Tennessee 68  
Saginaw Valley St. 71, Adrian 50  
St. Mary's, Minn. 73, Dubuque 62

**UTSA** 62, Iowa 50  
Washington, Mo. 88, MacMurray 53  
Wichita St. 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 64  
Wis.-Eau Claire 87, St. Scholastica 47  
Wis.-Green Bay 87, Kent St. 86, OT  
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 81, St. John's, Minn. 47

**Wisconsin** 75, IPFW 46  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Baylor 71, Hartford 69  
Rice 60, Houston Baptist 46  
South Dakota 76, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 73  
Texas 89, UC Irvine 42  
Texas Southern 72, Idaho 65  
Texas Tech 64, Oregon St. 60  
Tulsa 81, Fla. International 49

**FAR WEST**  
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Denver 75, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55  
Hawaii 73, McNeese St. 65  
Montana 64, Loyola Marymount 63  
N. Colorado 73, St. Utah 51  
Oregon 68, Colorado St. 55  
Stanford 70, Cal Poly 53  
Washington, T. 111, Portland St. 55

**TOURNAMENT**  
**Lake Erie First Round**  
St. Joseph's, Ind. 125, Point Park 98

**Sunday's women's scores**  
**EAST**  
Bentley 72, Holy Family 61  
Caldwell 57, Stonehill 50  
Cornell 81, Ithaca 54  
Drexel 56, Penn 42  
Duquesne 101, Niagara 69  
Elizabeth City St. 72, Mount Olive 67  
Florida, Pa. 63, Port-Johnstown 61  
La Salle 77, Long Island U. 73, OT  
Loyola, Md. 63, Army 48  
Massachusetts 79, Boston U. 73, OT  
NYU 71, Oswego St. 65  
New Haven 66, Dominican, N.Y. 46  
Oakland, Mich. 61, Columbia 58, OT  
Penn St. 79, N.J. Tech 57  
Philadelphia 67, N.Y. Tech 66  
Providence 88, Saint Joseph's 57  
St. Bonaventure 67, Akron 37  
St. John's 89, Stony Brook 52  
Stanford 81, Rutgers 66  
Stevens Tech 48, College of N.J. 46  
Tiffin 65, Slippery Rock 55  
UMBC 102, Md.-Eastern Shore 65  
York, N.Y. 77, Albertus Magnus 55

**SOUTH**  
Carson-Newman 68, Anderson, S.C. 57  
Chattanooga 76, Austin Peay 66  
East Carolina 70, W. Carolina 59  
Flagler 86, Ave Maria 67  
Georgetown, Ky. 80, Shawnee St. 76  
Georgia 62, Oklahoma 51  
Kentucky 87, Butler 66  
LSU 92, Centenary 19  
Lipscomb 68, Cent. Arkansas 60  
Livingstone 84, Dist. of Columbia 80  
Maryville, Tenn. 66, Methodist 34  
Middle Tennessee 78, UCF 53  
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## NHL roundup

## Seabrook's OT goal lifts Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A perfect homestand against the Western Conference elite reminded the Chicago Blackhawks just how good they are.

"We feel we can win any night, against any team," said Brent Seabrook, whose goal 41 seconds into overtime Sunday night lifted the Blackhawks to a 4-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks. "We have a great group ... and we want to prove that."

By rallying from a two-goal deficit to defeat the team with the NHL's best record, Chicago completed a 4-0 homestand that also included games against Colorado and Los Angeles. The Blackhawks, who reached the conference finals six months ago, have won seven consecutive at home.

"Down two against a top team like that, you're not very often going to come back and get (the victory)," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "You've got to take advantage of home ice. We've been pretty effective to date."

At 10-2-1, the Blackhawks have the league's best home record.

Seabrook has two goals this season — both OT winners.

**Hurricanes 5, Wild 4 (SO):** At Raleigh, N.C., Jussi Jokinen and Michael Leighton helped Carolina end its winless streak at 14 games with a shootout victory over Minnesota.

The Hurricanes' second shooter in the tiebreaker, Jokinen went to his backhand and lofted the puck over Niklas Backstrom's glove. Leighton then stopped Marek Zidlicky on the Wild's final chance to give the Hurricanes their first victory since Oct. 9.

Leighton made 28 saves in regulation and overtime, and Ray Whitney, Jokinen, Joe Corvo and Brandon Sutter scored in regulation for Carolina.

Robert Earl scored the first two goals of his career, John Scott added his first career goal and Antti Miettinen also scored for the Wild.

**Thrashers 3, Oilers 2:** At Atlanta, Slava Kozlov scored his first goal of the season and Atlanta beat Edmonton to improve to 10-6-1 with its fourth straight victory.

Kozlov, who had 26 goals last season, put the Thrashers in front with 8:01 left, converting a pass from Todd White. Maxim Afinogenov and Zach Bogosian also scored, and Johan Hedberg made 34 saves. Shawn Horcoff and Dustin Penner scored for Edmonton.



CHARLES CHERNEY/AP

Chicago's Brent Seabrook celebrates while skating past San Jose's Joe Thornton after scoring the winning goal in overtime Sunday.

## NHL scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

	Atlantic Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
New Jersey	18	14	4	0		28	51	37
Pittsburgh	20	13	7	0		26	61	56
N.Y. Rangers	20	11	8	1		23	61	54
Philadelphia	16	10	5	1		21	59	41
N.Y. Islanders	20	7	6	7		21	56	63

	Northeast Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
Buffalo	17	12	4	1		25	48	37
Boston	19	8	7	4		20	46	48
Ottawa	17	8	6	3		19	48	52
Montreal	20	9	11	0		18	49	59
Toronto	18	3	10	5		11	45	68

	Southeast Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
Washington	20	12	4	4		28	75	62
Atlanta	17	10	6	1		21	63	50
Tampa Bay	17	7	4	6		20	44	52
Florida	17	7	9	1		15	46	59
Carolina	19	3	12	4		10	42	72

## Western Conference

	Central Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
Chicago	19	12	5	2		26	57	46
Detroit	18	10	5	3		23	62	54
Columbus	18	10	6	2		22	55	65
Nashville	18	9	8	1		19	39	48
St. Louis	18	6	8	4		16	41	47

	Northwest Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
Colorado	20	12	5	3		27	60	54
Calgary	18	12	4	2		26	59	47
Vancouver	21	11	10	0		22	62	57
Edmonton	20	8	10	2		18	58	63
Minnesota	20	7	11	2		16	49	63

	Pacific Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT				
San Jose	22	14	4	4		32	73	53
Los Angeles	21	12	7	2		26	65	64
Phoenix	19	11	8	0		22	50	45
Dallas	19	8	5	6		22	59	57
Anaheim	18	6	9	3		15	52	62

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

## Sunday's games

Carolina 5, Minnesota 4, SO  
Atlanta 3, Edmonton 2

## Monday's games

Edmonton at Columbus  
N.Y. Islanders at Boston  
New Jersey at Philadelphia  
Anaheim at Pittsburgh  
Los Angeles at Florida  
Tampa Bay at Phoenix

## Tuesday's games

Washington at N.Y. Rangers  
Toronto at Ottawa  
Carolina at Montreal  
San Jose at Nashville  
Colorado at Calgary

## Wednesday's games

Florida at Buffalo  
Dallas at Detroit  
Phoenix at Minnesota  
Colorado at Edmonton  
Philadelphia at Los Angeles

## Sunday

## Hurricanes 5, Wild 4 (SO)

	W	L	OT	GA
Minnesota	0	3	1	0-4
Carolina	2	2	0	0-5

## Carolina won shootout 1-0

**First Period**—1, Carolina, Jokinen 4 (Ruutu, Cullen); 2:45, 2, Carolina, Corvo 3 (Rodney, Whitney); 17:49 (pp).

**Second Period**—3, Carolina, Whitney 6 (Sutter, Corvo); 4:59 (pp), 4, Minnesota, Miettinen 2 (Burns, Brunette); 8:43, 5, Carolina, Sutter 4 (Whitney); 10:08 (pp), 6, Minnesota, Earl 1 (Koivu); 13:46, 7, Minnesota, Scott 1 (Johnsson, Nolan); 14:06, 8, Minnesota, Earl 2.

**Shootout**—Minnesota 0 (Miettinen NG, Koivu NG, Zidlicky NG), Carolina 1 (Ruutu NG, Jokinen G, Cullen NG).

**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 6-17-5-4—32, Carolina 10-14-7-4—35.

**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 0 of 3; Carolina 3 of 6.

**Goalies**—Minnesota, Backstrom 7-8-2 (35 shots-31 saves), Carolina, Leighton 1-2-0 (32-28).

A—12,194 (18,680). T—2:40.

## Thrashers 3, Oilers 2

Edmonton	0	2	0-2
Atlanta	1	1	1-3

**First Period**—1, Atlanta, Bogosian 8 (Kovalchuk, Kozlov); 4:37 (pp).

**Second Period**—2, Edmonton, Horcoff 3 (Staios, Hemsley); 3:39, 3, Edmonton, Penner 12 (Cogliano, Stortini); 15:13, 4, Atlanta, Afinogenov 7 (Peverley); 19:38 (pp).

**Third Period**—5, Atlanta, Kozlov 1 (White, Peverley); 11:59.

**Shots on Goal**—Edmonton 6-18-12—36, Atlanta 5-13-12—30.

**Power-play opportunities**—Edmonton 0 of 5; Atlanta 2 of 3.

**Goalies**—Edmonton, Khabibulin 7-9-1 (30 shots-27 saves), Atlanta, Hedberg 4-1-0 (36-34).

A—11,091 (18,545). T—2:19.

## Blackhawks 4, Sharks 3 (OT)

San Jose	1	2	0	0-3
Chicago	1	2	0	1-4

**First Period**—1, Chicago, Sopel 1 (Hendry) 4:08 2 San Jose, Heatley 14 (Thorn-

**First Period**—1, Chicago, Sopol 1 (Hendry); 4:08, 2, San Jose, Heatley 14 (Thornton, Demers); 15:01.

**Second Period**—3, San Jose, Demers 1, 1:14 (pp), 4, San Jose, Marleau 12 (Pavelski, Joslin); 1:59, 5, Chicago, Kane 7 (Toews, Keith); 7:54, 6, Chicago, Madden 3 (Ladd, Keith); 18:41.

**Overtime**—7, Chicago, Seabrook 2 (Toews, Brouwer); 14:11.

**Shots on Goal**—San Jose 7-8-8-0—23, Chicago 9-13-6-2—30.

**Power-play opportunities**—San Jose 1 of 4; Chicago 0 of 2.

**Goalies**—San Jose, Nabokov 12-3-4 (30 shots-26 saves), Chicago, Huet 9-4-1 (23-20).

A—21,130 (19,717). T—2:25.

## College football scoreboard

## Sunday's score

## SOUTHWEST

East Carolina 44, Tulsa 17

## AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (36)	10-0	1,463	1
2. Alabama (14)	10-0	1,429	3
3. Texas (10)	10-0	1,424	2
4. TCU	10-0	1,307	4
5. Cincinnati	10-0	1,247	5
6. Boise St.	10-0	1,213	6
7. Georgia Tech	10-1	1,139	7
8. Pittsburgh	9-1	1,030	8
9. Ohio St.	9-2	990	10
10. LSU	8-2	968	9
11. Oregon	8-2	918	14
12. Oklahoma St.	8-2	754	17
13. Penn St.	9-2	689	19
14. Stanford	7-3	652	25
15. Iowa	9-2	633	15
16. Virginia Tech	7-3	559	20
17. Wisconsin	8-2	547	21
18. Clemson	7-3	442	24
19. BYU	8-2	344	22
20. Oregon St.	7-3	338	12
21. Miami	7-3	255	12
22. Southern Cal	7-3	223	11
23. Utah	8-2	183	16
24. Houston	8-2	149	13
25. Rutgers	7-2	145	—

**Others receiving votes:** North Carolina 144, Nebraska 64, California 53, Arizona 50, Mississippi 45, Navy 41, Temple 23, Auburn 9, Georgia 9, West Virginia 8, Oklahoma 5, Texas Tech 4, Boston College 3, Nevada 1.

## USA Today Top 25

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Rk
1. Florida (48)	10-0	1,460	1
2. Texas (4)	10-0	1,397	2
3. Alabama (7)	10-0	1,388	3
4. TCU	10-0	1,277	4
5. Cincinnati	10-0	1,219	5
6. Boise State	10-0	1,183	6
7. Georgia Tech	10-1	1,127	7
8. Ohio State	9-2	1,019	8
9. Pittsburgh	9-1	997	9
10. LSU	8-2	956	11
11. Oregon	8-2	875	16
12. Penn State	9-2	772	17
13. Oklahoma State	8-2	750	18
14. Wisconsin	8-2	630	20
15. Iowa	9-2	584	13
16. Virginia Tech	7-3	558	21
17. Stanford	7-3	516	NR
18. Brigham Young	8-2	404	22
19. Clemson	7-3	274	NR
20. Oregon State	7-3	256	NR
21. Southern California	7-3	239	10
22. Houston	8-2	229	12
23. Utah	8-2	212	14
24. Miami (Fla.)	7-3	156	15
25. North Carolina	7-3	107	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Arizona 87; Navy 76; Rutgers 74; California 55; Mississippi 46; West Virginia 46; Central Michigan 27; Temple 17; Oklahoma 15; Boston College 14; Auburn 8; Texas Tech 7; Nevada 6; Northwestern 3; Georgia 2.



MATT SAYLES/AP

**Quarterback Andrew Luck and Stanford moved up to No. 14 in the AP Top 25 after beating Southern Cal 55-21 Saturday.**

## Harris Top 25

The Top 25 teams in the Harris Interactive College Football Poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida (78)	10-0	2,793	1
2. Texas (19)	10-0	2,711	2
3. Alabama (16)	10-0	2,694	3
4. TCU (1)	10-0	2,479	4
5. Cincinnati	10-0	2,349	5
6. Boise State	10-0	2,317	6
7. Georgia Tech	10-1	2,168	7
8. Ohio State	9-2	1,960	8
9. Pittsburgh	9-1	1,895	9
10. LSU	8-2	1,813	11
11. Oregon	8-2	1,699	14
12. Penn State	9-2	1,467	17
13. Oklahoma State	8-2	1,408	18
14. Iowa	9-2	1,176	12
15. Wisconsin	8-2	1,134	20
16. Virginia Tech	7-3	976	21
17. Stanford	7-3	946	NR
18. BYU	8-2	793	22
19. Clemson	7-3	578	25
20. USC	7-3	576	10
21. Utah	8-2	568	16
22. Oregon State	7-3	492	NR
23. Houston	8-2	484	13
24. Miami (FL)	7-3	442	15
25. Nebraska	7-3	169	NR

**Other teams receiving votes:** Rutgers 143; Arizona 139; North Carolina 136; California 123; Navy 85; Mississippi 78; West Virginia 73; Temple 47; Oklahoma 42; South Florida 34; Central Michigan 25; Auburn 19; Boston College 10; Nevada 4; Northwestern 3; Air Force 2.

## Despite big victory, TCU stuck in fourth

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — TCU's big victory wasn't enough for the Horned Frogs to make a move up the BCS standings.

TCU (10-0) on Sunday remained behind Florida, Alabama and Texas in the race to the national title game.

The Horned Frogs defeated Utah 55-28 on Saturday night in what figured to be the most difficult game left on their schedule. But they remained stuck in fourth place in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

TCU, from the Mountain West Conference, last week became the first team from a league without an automatic BCS bid to break into the top five of the standings this late in a season.

If the Horned Frogs can beat Wyoming and New Mexico to finish a perfect regular season, they will earn their first BCS bid and cross off another achievement on the pyramid of goals coach Gary Patterson has on display for his team.

"If we win two games, we have an opportunity to color in a box higher than we've ever colored in in this program, to go to a BCS," he said Sunday. "That's about as far as I take it."

Unless Alabama, Florida or Texas slip up, that's about as far as TCU will be able to take it.

Florida has been in first since the standings were initially released last month. Alabama is second and Texas is third.

The Gators and Crimson Tide meet in the SEC championship on Dec. 5. If they can both reach that game undefeated, a spot in the BCS title game on Jan. 7 would be

## BCS standings

Games through Nov. 14

RANK	TEAM	BCS AVE.
1.	Florida	0.9833
2.	Alabama	0.9



LORI SHEPLER/AP

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant, left, congratulates Houston's Trevor Ariza, right, with his son, Tajh, after Ariza received his championship ring Sunday in Los Angeles. Ariza played with the Lakers last season.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	3	.727	—
Toronto	5	5	.500	2½
Philadelphia	4	6	.400	3½
New York	1	9	.100	6½
New Jersey	0	10	.000	7½

#### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	8	2	.800	—
Miami	7	2	.778	½
Orlando	7	3	.700	1
Charlotte	3	6	.333	4½
Washington	2	7	.222	5½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	½
Cleveland	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	4	3	.571	1½
Chicago	4	4	.500	1½
Detroit	5	5	.500	2

### Western Conference

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	7	3	.700	—
Houston	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	4	4	.500	2
New Orleans	3	8	.273	4½
Memphis	2	8	.200	5

#### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	8	3	.727	—
Denver	7	3	.700	½
Oklahoma City	5	5	.500	2½
Utah	4	6	.400	3½
Minnesota	1	10	.091	7

#### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	9	2	.818	—
L.A. Lakers	7	3	.700	1½
Sacramento	5	4	.556	3
L.A. Clippers	4	7	.364	5
Golden State	3	6	.333	5

#### Saturday's games

Indiana 113, Boston 104
Detroit 106, Washington 103
Atlanta 121, New Orleans 98
Portland 80, Charlotte 74
Cleveland 107, Utah 103
Miami 81, New Jersey 80
Chicago 94, Philadelphia 88
Memphis 97, Minnesota 87
Milwaukee 129, Golden State 125
Oklahoma City 101, San Antonio 98

#### Sunday's games

Dallas 95, Detroit 90
L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 93
Phoenix 101, Toronto 100
Houston 101, L.A. Lakers 91

#### Monday's games

Charlotte at Orlando
Portland at Atlanta
Dallas at Milwaukee

#### Tuesday's games

Golden State at Cleveland
Indiana at New Jersey
Oklahoma City at Miami
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans
Phoenix at Houston
Toronto at Denver
Chicago at Sacramento
Detroit at L.A. Lakers

### Sunday

#### Mavericks 95, Pistons 90

**DALLAS** — Marion 5-11 1-2 11, Nowitzki 11-27 3-3 25, Gooden 4-8 3-3 11, Kidd 4-8 0-0 10, Beaubois 6-6 0-0 14, Humphries 2-6 1-3 5, Terry 1-7 6-8 9, Barea 2-6 2-2 7, Ross 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 36-82 16-21 95.

**DETROIT** — Jerebko 1-3 0-0 2, Villanueva 6-16 1-2 13, Wallace 4-5 1-2 9, Stuckey 12-20 3-3 28, Gordon 1-16 3-5 5, Maxiell 1-3 0-0 2, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Bynum 11-16 4-4 27, Daye 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-83 12-17 90.

**Dallas** 22 18 31 24-95

**Detroit** 18 28 20 24-90

Three-Point Goals—Dallas 7-16 (Baubois 2-2, Kidd 2-4, Ross 1-2, Barea 1-2, Terry 1-4, Nowitzki 0-2), Detroit 2-13 (Bynum 1-2, Stuckey 1-2, Villanueva 0-3, Gordon 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 45 (Gooden 11), Detroit 56 (Wallace, Villanueva 10). Assists—Dallas 25 (Kidd 7), Detroit 12 (Bynum 3). Total Fouls—Dallas 15, Detroit 19. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second 2. A—18,215 (22,076).

### Suns 101, Raptors 100

**TORONTO** — Turkoglu 8-20 0-0 20, Bosh 10-19 5-7 25, Bargnani 6-15 4-4 17, Calderon 3-7 1-1 8, DeRozan 3-7 0-0 6, Johnson 3-5 1-2 7, Jack 1-4 0-0 2, Belinelli 4-9 0-0 11, Weems 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-88 11-14 100.

**PHOENIX** — Hill 1-6 4-4 6, Stoudemire 10-15 10-11 30, Frye 6-9 2-2 20, Nash 10-21 2-2 23, Richardson 4-11 0-0 8, Dudley 1-4 2-2 4, Amundson 1-3 2-4 4, Dragic 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Barbosa 2-7 1-2 6. Totals 35-78 23-27 101.

**Toronto** 33 20 26 21-100

**Phoenix** 31 19 27 24-101

Three-Point Goals—Toronto 9-24 (Turkoglu 4-9, Belinelli 3-6, Calderon 1-2, Bargnani 1-3, DeRozan 0-1, Bosh 0-1, Jack 0-2), Phoenix 8-24 (Frye 6-8, Barbosa 1-3, Nash 1-6, Dragic 0-1, Hill 0-1, Dudley 0-2, Richardson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 44 (Bosh 10), Phoenix 54 (Richardson 10). Assists—Toronto 18 (Calderon 7), Phoenix 18 (Nash 9). Total Fouls—Toronto 20, Phoenix 16. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second, Phoenix defensive three second. A—16,605 (18,422).

### Clippers 101, Thunder 93

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Thornton 7-16 6-9 20, Camby 3-6 0-0 6, Kaman 10-15 5-5 25, B.Davis 9-20 4-4 24, Butler 3-8 0-0 8, Novak 0-1 0-0 0, Telfair 0-1 3-4 3, Smith 1-2 2-4 4, Rush 4-8 0-0 9, Jordan 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 38-79 20-28 101.

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 14-25 10-11 40, Green 3-7 1-1 7, Krstic 5-9 0-0 10, Westbrook 5-17 6-6 17, Sefolosha 1-9 2-3 4, Thomas 1-4 1-2 3, Collision 2-3 0-0 4, Harden 0-8 4-4 4, Ollie 2-3 0-0 4, Ibaka 0-0 2-0 2. Totals 33-85 24-29 93.

**L.A. Clippers** 26 23 26 26-101

**Oklahoma City** 23 18 35 17-93

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-17 (Butler 2-5, B.Davis 2-6, Rush 1-2, Telfair 0-1, Novak 0-1, Thornton 0-2), Oklahoma City 3-20 (Durant 2-4, Westbrook 1-4, Green 0-2, Sefolosha 0-5, Harden 0-5). Fouled Out—Collision. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 51 (Camby 9), Oklahoma City 55 (Westbrook 9). Assists—L.A. Clippers 17 (B.Davis 6), Oklahoma City 13 (Westbrook 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Oklahoma City 25. A—17,715 (18,203).

### Rockets 101, Lakers 91

**HOUSTON** — Battier 1-6 0-0 3, Scolia 3-5 0-0 6, Hayes 1-4 0-0 2, Brooks 11-23 6-7 33, Ariza 2-12 4-6 9, Budinger 5-13 0-0 11, Landry 5-10 5-15, Lowry 1-4 1-1 3, Andersen 9-14 0-0 19. Totals 38-91 16-19 101.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Artest 8-16 3-6 22, Odom 2-4 1-2 5, Bynum 8-12 5-7 21, Fisher 1-4 0-0 3, Vujacic 1-5 0-0 3, Powell 0-3 0-0 0, Brown 4-6 3-12, Morrison 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-84 20-27 91.

**Houston** 23 29 28 21-101

**L.A. Lakers** 29 25 19 18-91

Three-Point Goals—Houston 9-32 (Brooks 5-11, Andersen 1-3, Budinger 1-5, Battier 1-5, Ariza 1-7, Lowry 0-1), L.A. Lakers 7-23 (Artest 3-5, Farmar 1-2, Brown 1-3, Vujacic 1-3, Fisher 1-4, Morrison 0-1, Odom 0-2, Bryant 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 68 (Landry 10), L.A. Lakers 47 (Bynum 11). Assists—Houston 27 (Lowry 8), L.A. Lakers 23 (Odom 6). Total Fouls—Houston 24, L.A. Lakers 17. Technicals—Bryant. A—18,997 (18,997).

### Calendar

**Jan. 5** — 10-day contracts may be signed.

**Jan. 10** — Contracts guaranteed for remainder of season.

**Feb. 12-15** — All-Star weekend, Dallas.

**Feb. 18** — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.

**April 14** — Regular season ends.

**April 17** — Playoffs begin.

**June 3** — NBA Finals begin.

## NBA roundup

# Rockets' inspired Brooks lights up Lakers for 33

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Trevor Ariza got his NBA championship ring and his Houston Rockets got a victory.

Aaron Brooks saw the ring dripping with diamonds and suddenly he was off on a career night. He took the Houston Rockets with him, scoring a career-high 33 points, including five three-pointers, in a 101-91 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday night, sending the Lakers to a second consecutive loss.

"That's my first time seeing an NBA ring," Brooks said. "It moved us, and we played inspired basketball."

And the NBA champs? Well, they looked downright ordinary again.

The Lakers were coming off a 105-79 drubbing at Denver two nights earlier only to have another team they vanquished in last season's title run show them up at home, where they got booed.

"Defensively, we need to step it up," Andrew Bynum said. "That's what we're lacking right now. We got guards trying to box out bigs. Bigs trying to box out guards. We're all over the place right now."

The Lakers have three losses already, something that didn't happen last season until Dec. 9.

"Mortified," Kobe Bryant deadpanned. "We'll get better, we know what's at stake. We'll figure our way through this."

Aussie David Andersen added a career-high 19 for the Rockets, who lost 103-102 at home in overtime in the teams' first meeting earlier this month.

Bryant scored 41 points in that game, but he had just 18 Sunday after aggravating a groin injury in the first quarter that he sustained a week ago against New Orleans.

"I've felt better," he said. "It'll be all right. I've been nursing it, kind of playing through it."

Even though the injury affects Bryant's ability to run and change direction on a dime, he said, "You know I don't make excuses."

Ron Artest, who went to Los Angeles around the time Trevor Ariza went to Houston in July, added 22 points. Bynum had 21 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lakers got a combined 12 points out of starters Lamar Odom and Derek Fisher.

Ariza received his ring from Bryant and Fisher on the court before the game, which might have accounted for Ariza's first-half performance. He was 1-for-10 from the floor and 1-for-6 from three-point range. He finished with nine points, well off his team-leading 19.4 average.

"I knew tonight was going to be a tough night for me," Ariza said. "I didn't play as well, but my teammates played great. Aaron played big for us, and I'm just happy we got a win."

Andersen scored Houston's

first six points of the fourth quarter, pushing the lead to 86-73 while fans booed the home team. The Lakers couldn't get a sustained run going, twice turning the ball over on offensive fouls by Bynum and Odom.

"We obviously didn't know the scouting report that well on Andersen," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We knew he's a shooter but we didn't see him playing at that level."

Houston finished 16-for-19 from the line and shot 42 from the floor. The Lakers hit 38 percent from the field, with Bryant going 5-for-20. The Rockets dominated the boards 60-38.

**Suns 101, Raptors 100:** Amare Stoudemire followed one of the worst games of his career with his best game of the season, scoring 30 points as the Suns improved to an NBA-best 9-2, winning their 13th in a row at home.

They are the only team in the league to score at least 100 points in every game this season.

Steve Nash had 23 points and nine assists and Channing Frye added 20, hitting six three-point-

ers. Chris Bosh led the Raptors with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Hedo Turkoglu scored 20 points and Andrea Bargnani had 17.

**Mavericks 95, Pistons 90:** Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and rookie Rodrigue Beaubois added 14 points on 6-for-6 shooting for visiting Dallas.

Drew Gooden had 11 points and 11 rebounds and Shawn Marion also had 11 points.

Rodney Stuckey led the Pistons with 28 points and Will Bynum had 27, including 17 in the fourth quarter. Ben Gordon, though, went 1-for-16, including a missed three-pointer that would have tied it with 2 seconds left.

**Clippers 101, Thunder 93:** Baron Davis scored 24 points, including a key three-pointer in the final minute, to help visiting Los Angeles snap a three-game losing streak.

Chris Kaman added 25 points on 10-for-15 shooting and had seven rebounds for Los Angeles. Kevin Durant scored a season-high 40 points and had eight rebounds for Oklahoma City.

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## NFL scoreboard

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	259	150
Miami	4	5	0	.444	218	227
N.Y. Jets	4	5	0	.444	199	158
Buffalo	3	6	0	.333	140	210
Indianapolis	9	0	0	1.000	252	142
Jacksonville	5	4	0	.556	181	220
Houston	5	4	0	.556	215	188
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	189	255
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	198	147
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	207	157
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	206	154
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	78	209
Denver	6	3	0	.667	167	151
San Diego	6	3	0	.667	237	202
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222	142	215
Oakland	2	7	0	.222	88	217

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	224	169
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	242	184
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	232	204
Washington	3	6	0	.333	140	171
New Orleans	9	0	0	1.000	331	197
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	221	194
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	176	215
Tampa Bay	1	8	0	.111	157	256
Minnesota	8	1	0	.889	271	184
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	232	179
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	186	201
Detroit	1	8	0	.111	143	264
Arizona	6	3	0	.667	229	184
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	184	180
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	187	198
St. Louis	1	8	0	.111	100	249

## Thursday's games

San Francisco 35, Chicago 6	Sunday's games
Tennessee 41, Buffalo 17	Washington 27, Denver 17
Miami 25, Tampa Bay 23	Jacksonville 24, N.Y. Jets 23
Cincinnati 18, Pittsburgh 12	New Orleans 28, St. Louis 23
Carolina 28, Atlanta 19	Minnesota 27, Detroit 10
Kansas City 16, Oakland 10	Green Bay 17, Dallas 7
San Diego 31, Philadelphia 23	Arizona 31, Seattle 20
Indianapolis 35, New England 34	Open: N.Y. Giants, Houston
Monday's game	Baltimore at Cleveland
Thursday, Nov. 19	Miami at Carolina
Sunday, Nov. 22	Cleveland at Detroit
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants	Washington at Dallas
San Francisco at Green Bay	Indianapolis at Baltimore
Pittsburgh at Kansas City	New Orleans at Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Jacksonville	Seattle at Miami
Arizona at St. Louis	N.Y. Jets at New England
San Diego at Denver	Cincinnati at Oakland
Philadelphia at Chicago	Monday, Nov. 23
Tennessee at Houston	

## Sunday

## Titans 41, Bills 17

Buffalo	7	7	3	0-17
Tennessee	14	3	0	24-41
First Quarter				
Buf	Evans 27 pass from Jackson (Lindell kick), 9:10.			
Ten	Johnson 28 run (Bironas kick), 4:07.			
Ten	Washington 14 pass from Young (Bironas kick), 4:46.			
Second Quarter				
Ten	FG Bironas 38, 9:59.			
Buf	Evans 8 pass from Edwards (Lindell kick), 7:01.			
Third Quarter				
Buf	FG Lindell 25, 8:17.			
Fourth Quarter				
Ten	Johnson 1 run (Bironas kick), 10:44.			
Ten	FG Bironas 51, 3:21.			
Ten	Fuller 26 interception return (Bironas kick), 2:54.			
Ten	Hood 31 interception return (Bironas kick), 5:53.			
A	-69, 143.			

First downs	14	20
Total Net Yards	296	378
Rushes-yards	20-89	35-168
Passing	207	210
Punt Returns	2-25	2-30
Kickoff Returns	8-185	4-81
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-57
Comp-Att-Int	21-36-2	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	0-0
Punts	5-42.0	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	10-65	8-75
Time of Possession	28:40	31:20
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing	Buffalo, Jackson 8-48, Lynch 9-37, Edwards 3-4, Tennessee, Johnson 26-132, Young 5-29, White 3-6, Washington 1-1.	
Passing	Buffalo, Edwards 18-28-1, 185, Jackson 1-10-27, Fitzpatrick 2-7-16, Tennessee, Young 17-25-1, 210.	
Receiving	Buffalo, Evans 4-50, Lynch 4-18, Owens 3-85, Jackson 3-23, Nelson 3-13, Reed 2-16, Fine 1-8, St. Johnson 1-5, Tennessee, Johnson 9-100, Britt 2-55, Washington 2-33, Scaife 2-16, Cook 1-4, Hall 1-2.	
Missed field goals	Tennessee, Bironas 60 (SH).	

## Panthers 28, Falcons 19

Atlanta	3	7	3	6-19
Carolina	7	14	0	7-28
First Quarter				
Atl	FG Elam 35, 11:16.			
Car	Stewart 1 run (Kasay kick), 6:15.			
Second Quarter				
Car	S-Smith 4 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 12:26.			
Atl	Snelling 1 run (Elam kick), 5:56.			
Car	S-Smith 4 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 1:08.			
Third Quarter				
Atl	FG Elam 24, 9:21.			
Fourth Quarter				
Atl	Peelle 3 pass from Ryan (pass failed), 13:44.			
Car	Stewart 45 run (Kasay kick), 2:07.			
A	-73,239.			
	Atl	Car		
First downs	22	19		
Total Net Yards	400	380		
Rushes-yards	29-176	34-185		
Passing	224	195		
Punt Returns	2-37	0-0		
Kickoff Returns	1-28	0-0		
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-40		
Comp-Att-Int	22-41-2	15-24-0		
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0		
Punts	2-54.5	4-44.3		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0		
Penalties-Yards	4-26	5-48		
Time of Possession	31:51	28:09		

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Atlanta, Turner 9-111, Snelling 18-61, Ryan 2-4, Carolina, D.Williams 19-92, Stewart 11-82, Delhomme 4-11.
Passing	Atlanta, Ryan 22-41-2-224, Carolina, Delhomme 15-24-0-195.
Receiving	Atlanta, White 7-98, Gonzalez 6-67, Jenkins 4-15, Snelling 3-32, Peelle 2-12, Carolina, Muhammad 6-31, S-Smith 4-10, King 2-22, D.Williams 1-30, Rosario 1-11, Jarrett 1-7.
Missed field goals	Atlanta, Elam 34 (WL), Carolina, Kasay 51(BK).

## Bengals 18, Steelers 12

Cincinnati	6	0	6	6-18
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	3-12
First Quarter				
Pit	FG Reed 28, 4:43.			
Cin	Scott 96 kickoff return (pass failed), 4:26.			
Second Quarter				
Pit	FG Reed 33, 4:13.			
Pit	FG Reed 35, 1:12.			
Third Quarter				
Cin	FG Graham 23, 11:19.			
Cin	FG Graham 32, 6:41.			
Fourth Quarter				
Pit	FG Reed 34, 11:20.			
Cin	FG Graham 37, 7:29.			
Cin	FG Graham 43, 1:56.			
A	-65,392.			
	Cin	Pit		
First downs	14	16		
Total Net Yards	218	226		
Rushes-yards	29-61	18-90		
Passing	157	146		
Punt Returns	3-20	2-30		
Kickoff Returns	5-206	6-138		
Interceptions Ret.	1-26	0-0		
Comp-Att-Int	18-30-0	20-40-1		
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-21	4-28		
Punts	4-41.5	5-43.4		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0		
Penalties-Yards	7-87	5-50		
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
Rushing—Cincinnati—Scott 13-33, Benson 7-22, Leonard 4-8, C.Palmer 5-(minus 2), Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 13-36, Moore 2-21, Roethlisberger 2-16, Parker 1-7.				
Passing—Cincinnati, C.Palmer 18-30-0-178, Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 20-40-1-174.				
Receiving—Cincinnati, Coles 5-67, Caldwell 4-23, Leonard 3-24, Foschi 3-14, Ochocinco 2-29, Scott 1-21, Pittsburgh, Holmes 7-88, Miller 4-26, Ward 4-24, Moore 2-14, Wallace 1-16, Mendenhall 1-5, Spaeth 1-1.				
Missed field goals—Cincinnati, Graham 51 (WR).				

## Jaguars 24, Jets 22

Jacksonville	7	14	0	3-24
N.Y. Jets	10	3	0	9-22
First Quarter				
Jac	Jones-Drew 33 run (Scobee kick),			
11:56.				
NYJ	FG Feely 32, 8:21.			
NYJ	Cotchez 7 pass from Sanchez			
(Feely kick), 1:08.				
Second Quarter				
Jac	Garrard 11 run (Scobee kick), 10:52.			
Jac	Sims-Walker 26 pass from Gar-			
rard (Scobee kick), 2:44.				
NYJ	FG Feely 37, 3:36.			
Fourth Quarter				
NYJ	FG Feely 40, 14:39.			
NYJ	Jones 1 run (pass failed), 5:04.			
Jac	FG Scobee 21, :00.			
A	-76, 313.			
	Jac		NYJ	

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Jacksonville, Jones-Drew 24-123, Garrard 6-11, Jennings 2-5, N.Y. Jets, Jones 21-77, Greene 7-26, Keller 1-7.
Passing	Jacksonville, Garrard 16-26-0-221, N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 16-30-2-212, Edwards 1-0-0.
Receiving	Jacksonville, M.Thomas 4-46, Sims-Walker 3-49, Lewis 2-58, Holt 2-24, Jones-Drew 2-22, Miller 1-11, Dillard 1-7, Jones 1-4, N.Y. Jets, Cotchez 6-68, Keller 6-58, Edwards 3-79, Clowney 1-7.
Missed field goals	Jacksonville, Scobee 49 (WL).

## Vikings 27, Lions 10

Detroit	0	3	7	0-10
Minnesota	3	7	7	10-27
First Quarter				
Min	FG Longwell 22, 9:18.			
Second Quarter				
Min	Peterson 22 run (Longwell kick), 10:48.			
Det	FG Hanson 38, 0:4.			
Third Quarter				
Min	Peterson 1 run (Longwell kick), 14:18.			
Det	Heller 8 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), 8:14.			
Fourth Quarter				
Min	Dugan 8 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 13:20.			
Min	FG Longwell 35, 7:33.			
A	-63,854.			
	Det	Min		
First downs	19	19		
Total Net Yards	297	492		
Rushes-yards	22-93	31-152		
Passing	204	340		
Punt Returns	2-19	4-11		
Kickoff Returns	4-95	2-29		
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0		
Comp-Att-Int	29-51-0	20-31-0		
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	1-4		
Punts	7-41.0	4-48.0		
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2		
Penalties-Yards	4-40	13-91		
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				

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Rushing	Detroit, K.Smith 12-55, Stafford 18-22, Morris 6-10, Minnesota, Peterson 18-133, Taylor 7-16, Harvin 1-7, Dugan 1-0, Favre 1-(minus 1), Jackson 3-(minus 3).
Passing	Detroit, Stafford 29-51-0-224, Minnesota, Favre 20-29-0-344, Jackson 0-2-0-0.
Receiving	Detroit, C.Johnson 8-84, Northcutt 6-48, Heller 4-37, K.Smith 3-10, Pettigrew 2-23, B.Johnson 2-17, D.Williams 2-3, Morris 1-4, Felton 1-2, Minnesota, Rice 7-201, Harvin 3-53, Shiancoe 3-43, Berrian 3-22, Peterson 2-10, Dugan 1-8, Taylor 1-7.
Missed field goals	Detroit, Hanson 48 (WR).

## Saints 28, Rams 23

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New Orleans	0	14	7	7-28
St. Louis	0	14	3	6-23

## Second Quarter

**NO**—Bush 3 run (Carney kick), 14:14.  
**StL**—Avery 29 pass from Bulger (Jo. Brown kick), 9:23.  
**NO**—Bush 15 pass from Brees (Carney kick), 6:51.  
**StL**—Jackson 2 run (Jo. Brown kick), 5:55.

## Third Quarter

**NO**—Roby 97 kickoff return (Carney kick), 14:49.  
**StL**—FG Jo. Brown 32, 7:08.

## Fourth Quarter

**NO**—Meachem 27 pass from Brees (Carney kick), 12:15.  
**StL**—Avery 19 pass from Bulger (pass failed), 2:44.  
**A**—59,858.

	<b>NO</b>	<b>StL</b>
First downs	20	23
Total Net Yards	420	434
Rushes-yards	29-203	29-141
Passing	217	293
Punt Returns	2-5	1-10
Kickoff Returns	3-146	4-78
Interceptions Ret.	1-24	2-26
Comp-Att-Int	18-26-2	26-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	2-5
Punts	3-37.3	4-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	4-20
Time of Possession	27:58	32:02

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—New Orleans, Bush 6-83, Meachem 1-41, P. Thomas 11-37, Bell 8-30, Eckel 2-6, Gado 2-3.  
**Passing**—New Orleans, Jackson 26-313, Bulger 1-7, Gado 2-3.  
**Passing**—New Orleans, Brees 18-26-2, 223. St. Louis, Bulger 26-40-1-298.  
**Receiving**—New Orleans, D. Thomas 5-45, Henderson 4-72, Shockey 3-42, Colston 2-17, Bush 2-15, Meachem 1-27, P. Thomas 1-5, St. Louis, Jackson 9-45, G. Gibson 7-93, Avery 1-67, Feils 3-51, McMichael 2-30, Baigema 1-12.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	New Orleans, Bush 6-83, Meachem 1-41, P.Thomas 11-37, Bell 8-30, Eckel 2-6, Colston 1-6, St. Louis, Jackson 26-131, Bulger 1-7, Gado 2-3.
Passing	New Orleans, Brees 18-26-2-223, St. Louis, Bulger 26-40-1-298.
Receiving	New Orleans, D.Thomas 5-45, Herndon 4-72, Shockey 3-42, Colston 2-17, Bush 2-15, Meachem 1-27, P.Thomas 1-5, St. Louis, Jackson 9-45, B.Gibson 7-93, Avery 4-67, Fells 3-51, McMichael 2-30, Bajema 1-12.

## Dolphins 25, Buccaneers 23

First Downs	16	23
Total Net Yards	302	374
Rushes-yards	31-122	36-199
Passing	180	175
Punt Returns	4-31	3-3
Kickoff Returns	7-191	5-90
Interceptions Ret.	3	0
Comp-Att-Int	16-28-1	17-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	0-0
Punts	5-41.0	6-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	28-4	20-15
Time of Possession	9:46	31:14
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing-Tampa Bay, Williams 14-52, Freeman 6-36, Ward 10-34, Miami, Williams 2-102, Brown 12-82, Polite 2-14, White 1-1, Ginn Jr. 1-0.		
Passing-Tampa Bay, Freeman 16-28-1, 196, Miami, Henne 17-31-1, 175, White 1-0.		
Receiving-Tampa Bay, Winslow 7-102, Stovall 4-47, Stroughter 2-13, Graham 1-16, Stevens 1-15, Clayton 1-3, Miami, Bess 4-22, Sperry 3-31, Haynos 3-17, Camarillo 2-17.		

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## Cowboys stumble from hot to horrid

By COLIN FRY

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — About the only consolation for Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys is they avoided a shutout. For all but 38 seconds, one of the hottest teams in the NFC looked lost.

"We were on a roll winning four in a row," said Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking after Green Bay's 17-7 victory on Sunday. "This is just a minor hiccup. That's the way you have to look at it."

With 10 penalties, three turnovers and just 61 yards rushing, it may take more than a glass of water and a few deep breaths to cure Dallas' woes.

The Cowboys (6-3) were in position to lock down the NFC East with a two-game lead with seven to play. Instead, Dallas maintains a one-game lead over the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles with four divisional games left.

"It's so disappointing because things were just there for us as we came out for the second half," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Not to be able to execute, have the plays called back by penalties and not be able to do the things you want to do is just exactly how you lose this game."

Green Bay (5-4) led only 3-0 after three quarters, then sealed it and remained afloat in the NFC wild card race with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. One TD capped a 15-play drive straddling the third and fourth quarters, the other following a questionable turnover.

"Getting to 5-4 was important," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's a good win versus a very good football team, a football team that has been playing very well. So, it definitely gives us a big nugget of confidence we can grab onto."

The Packers sacked Romo five times and allowed the Cowboys to convert only three of 12 third-down chances. It was Dallas' lowest output in the running game since gaining 44 yards in a loss to Washington last year.

The Cowboys also lost right tackle Marc Colombo, who had started 57 straight games. He broke his left leg early in the game and was expected to have surgery on Monday.

Romo went 24 of 39 for 251 yards, but threw one interception and lost a fumble that the Cowboys weren't happy about with just under 12 minutes to go and Dallas trailing 10-0.

Packers cornerback Charles Woodson, who was responsible for



MORRY GASH/AP

**Dallas quarterback Tony Romo fumbles as he's hit by Green Bay's Charles Woodson during the second half of Sunday's game.**

most of Romo's mistakes, sacked the quarterback on his blind side and stripped the ball. It appeared Dallas' Felix Jones recovered and was down by contact, but the ball was then stripped away by Packers tackle Johnny Jolly and recovered by Clay Matthews III.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips challenged the play, but referee Jeff Triplette came back moments later and said recovery of a loose ball is not reviewable by rule.

"It was my mistake to allow him to start the challenge. I should have just talked him out of it before we started," Triplette told a pool reporter.

That didn't sit well with Phillips.

"They said because they ruled it a fumble all the way through, that I couldn't challenge it even though we recovered the ball and

our guy was touched and he knew the guy was down," Phillips said.

The Packers scored moments later on Aaron Rodgers' 2-yard pass to Spencer Haver for a 17-0 lead.

"I think a lot of people were thinking this was going to be the end of the road for us and going to be a turning point for the negative for us this season," said Rodgers, who finished 25 of 36 for 189 yards. "But it was a big win for our team."

The offensive line again failed to protect Rodgers, who took four sacks to increase his league-leading total to 41. Rodgers scored Green Bay's first TD on a 1-yard sneak, capping a season-long 15-play drive to put Green Bay up 10-0.

"I'm proud of the fact that when we needed a big drive ... we came up with it," Rodgers said.

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think they said he bobbled it, so they couldn't give him forward progress. We had no timeouts, so we couldn't review it or anything like that."

Faulk said the Patriots should have made Belichick's choice look good.

"He is the head coach and makes all the decisions," he said. "It's our job to execute — or try to."

The Colts didn't like the call. "Total disrespect," linebacker Clint Session said. "They disrespected us and got what they deserved."

Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney agreed.

"To be honest with you, that's how we take it," he said. "Any defense should take it the same way."

The failed play didn't excuse the Patriots' defense, which wilted under the pressure of Manning's precision and defending a short field. They simply needed to keep the Colts out of the end zone to preserve the win, but they failed to handle the switch in momentum.

"That's part of the game," linebacker Derrick Burgess said. "That's what we do. That's what we have to be able to do to be a good defense."

It wasn't the first time Belichick had made such a decision. At Atlanta, he went for it on fourth-and-1 from his own 24. But that was in the third quarter, and those were the Falcons, not New England's nemesis.

On the Colts' final drive, Manning hooked up with Wayne for 14 yards. He let Joseph Addai carry the ball for 13 yards, down to the Patriots 1. He sent Addai inside again on first-and-goal, the same play Addai scored on to win the 2006 AFC Championship game, but he got nothing. So Manning went back to Wayne in the end for the win.

"Certainly, a great team comeback win," Manning said. "Everyone had to do their part. Defense had to hold them at the right times. It certainly was as much adversity as we've seen all year."

Belichick didn't regret removing some of that adversity in the final minutes.

"It's a case of trusting the team," he said. "Give them (the Colts) credit, they made the play."



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

**New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady looks at the scoreboard on Sunday.**

## NFL roundup

## Dad-to-be Tomlinson dances on Philly

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — There was a pretty good reason why LaDainian Tomlinson had some extra giddyup in his step.

Tomlinson ran for a season-high 96 yards and scored twice, continuing his climb up the career rushing and scoring lists as the San Diego Chargers beat the Philadelphia Eagles 31-23 on Sunday to pull into a tie atop the AFC West with slumping Denver.

Asked if something happened that gave him motivation, Tomlinson got a little emotional.

"I don't know if I want to talk about it," he said. "My wife is pregnant. I found out before the game. She left me a gift in my locker. It said, 'Open immediately.' I thought it was a necklace. It was a pregnancy test."

The child will be the couple's first. LaTorsha Tomlinson suffered a miscarriage in 2005.

Fired up about fatherhood, Tomlinson passed Thurman Thomas and Franco Harris and moved into 12th on the career rushing list with 12,145 rushing yards. His two TDs gave him 146 and moved him past Marcus Allen into third in NFL history.

"It's kind of surreal," Tomlinson said of his latest accomplishment, noting that he has a ball autographed by Harris in his trophy case. "I grew up watching all those guys. It's mind-boggling that I am third all-time."

It appeared for a while during the offseason that Tomlinson would be a salary-cap casualty, but the sides finally agreed to a reworked contract.

He turned 30 in June, then sprained his right ankle in a season-opening victory at Oakland. He missed the next two games, a first for him.

"I'm still effective," he said. "That's all that counts. Still finding ways to help this team win."

The score of Denver's 27-17 loss at Washington — the Broncos' third straight — was announced moments before kickoff in San Diego. The Chargers then went out and won their fourth straight.

The Chargers and Broncos, both 6-3, play next Sunday in Denver. Four weeks ago, the Chargers appeared dead in the water, 3½ games back after losing 34-23 to then-undefeated Denver.

"We didn't know it would happen this fast," quarterback Philip Rivers said. "We believed we

could get ourselves back in it."

Eagles running back Brian Westbrook was knocked out with another concussion. He had missed the previous two games after a concussion against Washington on Oct. 26.

"In these types of situations, football is secondary," coach Andy Reid said. "You've got to look at this kid and for his future, and make sure everything's OK for him before he gets back out there."

**Chiefs 16, Raiders 10:** At Oakland, Calif., Jamaal Charles scored on a 44-yard run for Kansas City's first rushing touchdown of the season and the Chiefs used a late interception to win their seventh straight game in Oakland.

The Chiefs (2-7) have managed to win just five of their past 35 games. But three of those have come at the Oakland Coliseum, where Kansas City has the longest winning streak ever by a visiting team.

Ryan Succop kicked three field goals and Kansas City once again pulled out a close one against the Raiders (2-7) in the Chiefs' first game since releasing running back Larry Johnson.

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# Called into question

## Belichick's gamble on fourth-and-2 backfires

By CLIFF BRUNT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — New England's players firmly stand behind coach Bill Belichick's costly gamble.

The Patriots failed on a fourth-and-2 deep in their territory with two minutes to play, giving Peyton Manning a prime opportunity to steal a victory after trailing by 17 points early in the fourth quarter. Manning took advantage, throwing a 1-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne with 13 seconds left to give the Colts a 35-34 victory over the Patriots on Sunday night.

When asked if he understood why his decision would be questioned, Belichick answered with a short "yes." Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, however, took it as a compliment and saw it as a show of faith in the offense.

"Coach is being aggressive, and I love that about him," Brady said. "He gave us a chance to make the play, and we just came up a little short."

It was the most improbable victory for the Colts (9-0) in their 18-game regular-season winning streak, which is now tied for the second-longest in league history with New England.

The Patriots (6-3) have lost five of the past six in this series, one that has often had long-term implications. Since 2003, the regular-season winner has claimed the AFC title four times and become the Super Bowl champion three times.

The game was filled with offensive firepower and big plays. Brady was 29-of-42 for 375 yards and three touchdowns and one interception. Randy Moss had nine catches for a season-high 179 yards and two TDs and Wes Welker had nine for 94 yards.



NAM Y. HUH, TOP, AND AJ MAST, BOTTOM/AP

**Top:** Patriots coach Bill Belichick walks off the field after his team blew a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter to lose 35-34. **Bottom:** Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne (87) catches a touchdown pass during the fourth quarter against the New England on Sunday in Indianapolis.

Manning, who was 28-of-44 for 327 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions, now has eight 300-yard games this season.

He passed Fran Tarkenton for fourth on the career victories list with 126, and became the first

quarterback to throw 300 touchdown passes in a decade.

Wayne caught 10 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

The Colts' big defensive play was the one that turned the game.

Needing a first down to seal

the game, Belichick decided to go for it from his 28 with 2:08 to go. The Patriots called their second timeout of the possession, leaving them with none, to set up the play: A short pass from Brady to Kevin Faulk.

Faulk made a juggling catch,

but safety Melvin Bullitt drove the Patriots running back into the ground a half-yard short of a first down.

"He looked like he was past, and then they knocked him backward," Brady said. "The refs ... I SEE CALL ON PAGE 31"

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